

Pierre Gaillard

Asiaticus

The Estate: The vineyard is located in the northern part of the Rhone Valley, ranging from Cote-Rotie down through to Cornas in the South. Planted on steep slopes, the vines are located on the last foothills of the Massif Central.

The Vines: The grape varieties is 100% Syrah. From a geological point of view the schist rock bordering the Massif Central to the east was split by a fault when the Alps emerged. The Rhône found its path when this area collapsed, separating a small block of schist on the other bank. The curve of the Rhône near the city of Vienne orients these slopes on the south side by offering them a perfect protection against the cold winds of the north.

The Soil: Slope facing south-west, schist.. The surface area of this vineyard is about 1 hectare.

Vinification: Handpicked harvest, sorting of the healthy and well-ripened grapes. Total destemming. Cold fermentation before maceration, alcoholic fermentation at 35°C. Maceration following fermentation at 30°C. Malolactic fermentation in barrels. Cap-punching, pumping over and release techniques help to thoroughly extract the aromas and the tannins associated with the terroir of Seyssuel. 18 months in fine oak from Allier and Nevers. Barrels: 50 % new with oxygen added every 4 months. The special character of this terroir is well reflected by this wine. It expresses both strength and elegance with good balance. It can be consumed in its youth, but also after 10 to 15 years ageing.

Tasting Notes: Fleshy, strong and very elegant. This wine reflects its terroir of slopely schist facing south on the left bank of the Rhône. During the Roman era, this area used to produce the reputed wines of Terres de Viennae.

