



Vignerons Propriétés Associés Crozes-Hermitage NORTHERN RHÔNE (FRANCE)

Vignerons Propriétés Associés is a cooperative located near the town of Nîmes in the Southern Rhône (where the majority of their wines come from). With grower contracts throughout the Rhône, they make wines from the Northern Rhône as well. All of their growers farm biodynamically and their wines are certified *Terra Vitis*.

Grapes: Syrah

Terrior: Northern Côtes du Rhône, left bank, this appellation spreads over 11 villages surrounding Tain-l'Hermitage. Granite, fluvio-glacial alluvium. Continental with Mediterranean influence.

Viniculture: Careful selection of grapes depending of grapes depending on the origin, the maturity and the quality. All grapes are destemmed. Vatting at controlled temperature.

Sustainability: certified Terra Vitis

Appearance: Deep red color with purple tints

Nose: Intense red and black fruit aromas with a nuance of black olive & spice.

Palate: The mouthfeel shows a nice richness, with volume and coated tannins.

Pairings: Herb roast poultry, cassoulet, braised pork dishes, French onion soup

Northern Rhône Wine Region of France

Continental climate with harsh winters but warm summers, Northern Rhône is influenced by the mistral wind, which brings colder air from the Massif Central. This wind is said to follow the rains to dry the vines. Northern Rhône is drastically cooler than the Southern Rhône, and is approximately the same size as Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Vineyards are steep and covered in schist to allow the varietals to ripen fully.

Syrah reigns king in Northern Rhône. Cornas AOC is 100% Syrah, whereas other Northern Rhône designations may blend a touch of white varietals. Viognier by itself is used for white wines from Condrieu and Château-Grillet. Marsanne and Roussanne are used for the whites from Crozes-Hermitage, Hermitage, Saint Joseph, and Saint Péray.

With the largest vineyards in the Northern Rhône appellation, Crozes-Hermitage stretches along the left banks of the Rhône. A prestigious Cru, the Crozes-Hermitage produces mainly red wines from Syrah with some white wines.

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