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OVERVIEW

Winemaker/Proprietor: René Rostaing

René Rostaing has, since 1991, emerged as one of the Northern Rhône's most respected growers. Before turning to winemaking full-time, Rostaing split his time between real estate and his small winery.

Between 1991 and 1995, he assumed the vineyards of his uncle, the legendary Marius Gentaz, and his father-in-law, Albert Dervieux. From these two traditionalist titans, he also learned to value the noble qualities of classic Côte Rôtie.

ADDITIONAL WINEMAKING NOTES

Apart from Guigal, Rostaing may have the finest vineyard holdings in Côte Rôtie. He works 20+ ha, in 44 lieux-dits, including 1.6 ha in La Landonne, 1.2 ha in La Viallière 1.0 ha in Côte Blonde, and 0.3 ha in Côte Brune. A majority of the vines were planted in the 1960s and 1970s, but some of the Viallière vines exceed 100 years old!

In addition, he has a choice 1.0 ha in Condrieu, and works a 10 ha site in the Côteaux du Languedoc.

THE WINES				
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Côte Rôtie "Ampodium"	Vineyards from throughout	100%	35 hL/hA	1800 cases
(formerly "Classique")	the appellation.	Syrah		
Côte Rôtie "La Landonne"	3 parcels of vines 20-70+ years in age.	100% Syrah	30 hL/hA	800 cases
Côte Rôtie "Côte Blonde"	2 parcels of 40+ year-old vines.	98% Syrah, 2% Viognier	30 hL/hA	450 cases

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Rostaing adapts his methods to the vintage. Grapes are hand-harvested, and are generally not destemmed. Maceration can vary from 7-20 days. All the Côte Rôties are aged in a mix of 225 and 500 liter barrels. (about 7% new). The Condrieu is fermented and aged in stainless steel.

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Condrieu "La Bonnette"	0.6 ha Côte Bonnette, 0.4 ha Ste-Agathe	100% Viognier	35 hL/hA	400 cases
"Les Lézardes" Syrah & Viognier	Various parcels from the northern edge of Côte Rôtie and Condrieu (respectively).	100% Syrah or 100% Viognier	35 hL/hA	600 cases each
Côteaux du Languedoc "Puech Noble"	Cool vineyard site on limestone cobbles near Nîmes.	70% Syrah, 15% Mourvedre & 15% Grenache	25 hL/hA	2000 cases