

Grapes
Syrah

Region/Appellation
AOP Crozes-Hermitage

Alcohol by volume
13.00%

Tasting Guide
A B C D E
Light Medium Full

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Crozes-Hermitage Les Meysonniers Rouge 2020

Winemaker Notes

'Les Meysonniers' is a wine with fleshy tannins and loads of floral and black fruit notes, as well as elegance.

Vineyard

From gently sloping, south-facing hillsides, composed of Isère river sedimentary soils and large, round pebbles.

Winemaking

Our Crozes-Hermitage is vinified traditionally with punching down and pumping over taking place in concrete tanks. This wine is made from organically grown grapes. The exclusion of all chemical products (in particular herbicides), and the ploughing of the vineyards, enables the vine to plunge its root system deep down into the heart of the soil. Deeper root systems make the vine's physiological behaviour more even, and provide better resistance to sudden changes in temperature.

Vintage

2020 will undoubtedly stand out as an atypical year. The winter was mild marked, by a water shortage over the period, although reserves from 2019 helped to alleviate this.

Budbreak was 10 days earlier than in previous vintages.

Although snow fell after budbreak and frost was a real risk, it only affected a few vines in Beaumont Moneux. June brought plentiful heat and sunshine in the Northern Rhône and some welcome rain in the Southern Rhône. Grenache in the Southern Rhône looked beautiful and Syrah in the north perfectly balanced. Harvest was earlier than usual starting in early September and proceeded calmly and without any weather pressures. Marked by exceptional earliness and scorching mid-summer heat, the 2020 vintage offers us wines full of elegance and pedigree. They have all the markers of great ageing potential thanks to preserved acidity and remarkable phenolic maturity. The elegance of the red wines and the expression of minerality supported by a beautiful acidity on the whites are the hallmarks of this particular vintage that is full of surprises.

Food match

Grilled and Roasted Red Meats

A great accompaniment to a hearty casserole, cote de boeuf or mature cheeses.

