Famille PIERRE GAILLARD

VITICULTEURS À MALLEVAL ET AUTRES PENTES

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TERROIR

CommunesMarsaz (26), Malleval
(42), Charnas (07)SoilGalets roulés and
granitic sandSurface area1.68 haTopographyPlains and plateaux
6,000 plants/ha

The vines are planted in sandy soil on the plains of Drôme, around Crozes-Hermitage and on the plateaux around the estate, bordering the St Joseph appellation. The scree from the Vercors, washed away by the Isère and Drôme rivers, produces galets roulés mixed with sand. On the plateaux of Malleval, the decomposed granite provides soft and well-draining sands. While the plains might have a slightly more Mediterranean climate, this is tempered by the mild but regular rainfall.

VINIFICATION & AGEING

Vinification Settling

Cold fermentation in barrels Malolactic fermentation

Ageing 9 months in barrels and vats Bâtonnage on lees

After a gentle pressing and settling, the must is vinified in casks and barrels—with no new wood —between 16°C and 18°C, then aged on lees and stirred until the desired smoothness has been obtained. We are very attentive to the risks of oxidation with our sensitive grapes, as we want to preserve as much fruitiness and freshness as possible in this wine.

VITICULTURE

Grape variety Age of vines Pruning Yield Harvests Marsanne Less than 30 years old Cordon de Royat trained on wire 50 hl/ha Harvested manually and mechanically when fully ripe; sorted on the vine if necessary

Viticulture on the estate is treated with the utmost importance. Each operation is carried out after first observing the needs of the parcel and in accordance with the characteristics of the vintage. Every parcel is therefore cared for precisely as required. The majority of the work is done by hand, although machines may sometimes be used to reduce the need for manpower.

The goal of every operation is to obtain healthy and ripe grapes that fully represent their terroir. Therefore, we pay close attention to the yield, foliage and aeration of the bunches.

TASTING

The nose offers wonderful floral notes and a subtle smokiness. The harmonious palate is fresh but also maintains a certain roundness. This wine would go very well with river fish served in sauce.

ONE FAMILY, FOUR ESTATES

