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FACT SHEET



Domaine Alain Grailot

OWNER	Grailot Family. (Alain, Maxime, Antoine)
PRODUCTS	Crozes Hermitage red La Guiraudé
SIZE OF VINEYARDS	Total 22 hectares, (including 3 ha white vines, and 1.5 ha Saint-Joseph)
LOCATION	The Grailot residence and cellars are just outside the village of Pont de l'Isère, about 6km south of Tain-l'Hermitage. The Crozes-Hermitage vineyards are close by, on the flat, rocky land between the Isère and Rhône rivers. The best sites are at Les Chassis and Les Sept Chemins

SOIL	Around Pont de l'Isère, the soil is formed from alluvial deposits of sand, gravel, rocks and stones. Despite being flat, it drains exceedingly well.
GRAPE VARIETIES	100% Syrah red.
PRODUCTION	10 000 bottles
NOTES	2016 vintage

The "La Guiraudes" cuvée is not a specific terroir, but a selection of the year's best lots, chosen after Maxime, Alain and Antoine have tasted every barrel.

Maxime Graillet says ' Following the rich, ripe, full bodied, almost atypical character of 2015, we return to a classic northern Rhone vintage in 2016. It's a frank, honest, conservative vintage, the type of year we love to make as it clearly displays the character of each individual parcel. It mirrors in many ways the hugely appealing, mouth-watering 2001 vintage. A very warm summer followed a mild winter. A harvest which started on 22nd September ... ' à l'ancienne' ended on 6 October producing wines of immense elegance and finesse. They show harmony and balance which will project them well into the 2020's and enjoyed beyond. (there are many similarities in the style of 2016 Burgundy)

The 2016 Crozes Hermitage and St Joseph will be released in the spring, however the 2016 La Guiraudes looks so exciting, promising and full of vigour that we've decided to release it in 2019. However aware of the keen following from clients for this wine and not wishing to disappoint, we've decided to release further quantities of the 2015 vintage, albeit small in volume.'

