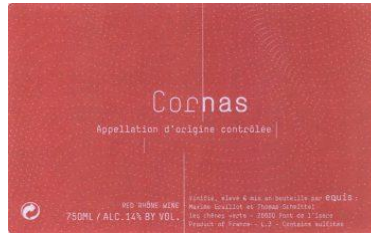




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FACT SHEET



EQUIS – Maxime Graillet

Cornas

OWNER	Maxime Graillet
PRODUCTS	Cornas
SIZE OF VINEYARDS	1 hectare
LOCATION	Northern Rhone (plots Les Chaillots, La Cote Sabarotte)
SOIL	Gravel and sand
GRAPE VARIETIES	100% Syrah
PRODUCTION	40 000 bottles

NOTES

Maxime Graillet and his winemaker and associate Thomas Schmittel are amongst the leading lights in the Crozes Hermitage appellation today. In 2003 the young and determined Maxime grasped the gem of an opportunity and purchased 7 hectares of Crozes Hermitage in Beaumont-Montoux (in the warmer, dryer south-east sector of the appellation) in the form of Domaine des Lises. In 2004 he produced just 6000 bottles of Crozes. Enter friend and winemaker Thomas Schmittel who teamed up with Maxime in 2006 to establish a small negociant company Equis. (Thomas cut his winemaking teeth with Cote Rotie's René Rostaing no less, heading up his Languedoc estate, Domaine Puech Noble)

Cornas (1ha from prime plots, Les Chaillots, La Côte, 'Sabarotte') Long maceration 18 months ageing in small oak barrels, 2 months in large oak casks, 4 months in bottle (the only wine not filtered)

2014 "A ripe, gutsy style, with a solid core of plum sauce, warm cherry and raspberry preserves framed liberally with singed vanilla and dried anise notes. Alluring ashes of black tea and iron show through the finish. Best from 2018 through 2024." 92 points.

James Molewsorth - Wine Spectator

