



Domaine Francois Villard Condrieu “Deponcins”

100% Viognier from St-Michel (2 plots at Poncin, La Rouillère, La Cartherie next to Château Grillet), the vineyard’s soils consist of very pure sand, a lot of mica, clay couch at 50cm-3 metres down just before the granite rock.

The Condrieu “Deponcin” is barrel fermented and matured in 228 litre oak casks (35% new / 65% 3-5 year) for 11 months.

Francois Villard is one of the stars of the northern Rhône. Their first vintage was 1991. He now makes around 20 wines, the majority white but also reds from Côte Rôtie, Crozes Hermitage and

Accolades

2017 Vintage

“A plump and creamy style, with alluring yellow apple, Cavaillon melon, pear and peach flavors all gliding through, backed by hints of warm brioche and almond cream. Quite alluring in the end. Drink now through 2021. 1,200 cases made, 75 cases imported.” **95pts Wine Spectator**

2016 Vintage

“This sports a broad and plump profile, with flattering plantain, apricot, white peach and mirabelle plum notes rolling through in waves, laced with a bright fennel hint and backed by a flash of salted butter at the very end. Drink now through 2021. 1,297 cases made, 120 cases imported.” **95pts Wine Spectator**