

DOMAINE DES PIERRES SÈCHES

Saint-Joseph Rouge 'Revirand' 2019

After wine studies in Beaune, winemaker Sylvain Gauthier decided to explore native Rhône grapes first with Michel Chapoutier and then with Stéphane Robert, before he was ready to start his own project in the true center of the Saint-Joseph appellation. He founded his micro-domaine in the village of Cheminas in 2007, the name "pierres sèches" inspired by the hand-built, ancient stone walls that support vineyard terraces on the steep slopes of the northern Rhône. Farming organically and using little sulfites at bottling, Sylvain's wines are vibrantly flavored and energetically spiced—in sum, serious northern wines that have quickly become a must-have from an up-and-coming talent.

WINERY: Domaine des Pierres Sèches

WINEMAKER: Sylvain Gauthier

ESTABLISHED: 2007

REGION: FRANCE • Northern Rhône • Cheminas

APPELLATION: Saint-Joseph AOC

BLEND: 100% Syrah

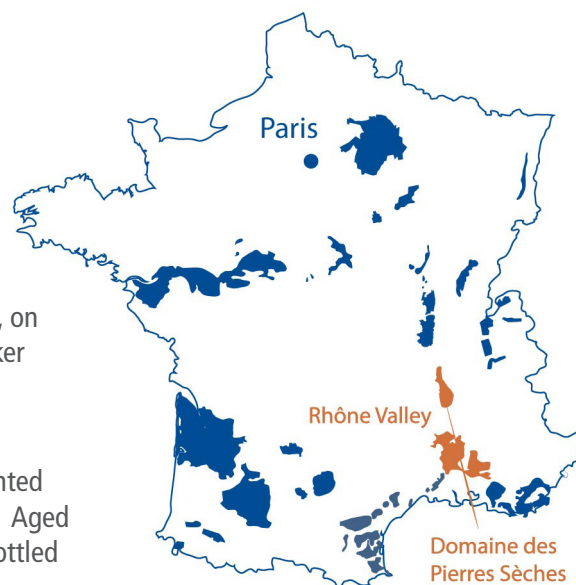
VINEYARDS: The lieu-dit 'Revirand' is located in the village of Sarras, on pure granite soils, facing south. It was from this parcel that winemaker Sylvain Gauthier crafted his very first Saint-Joseph wine in 2007.

AGE OF VINES: 60 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Partially destemmed (90%); fermented in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks on indigenous yeasts. Aged for 18 months in older French oak barrels (one to three years old). Bottled unfiltered, with minimal added sulfites

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of black fruit, peppery spice, licorice. Full-bodied and textured, with present yet fine-grained tannins.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Pork terrine; grilled sausages with herbs; roasted chicken



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