

Christophe Pichon 2016 St. Joseph Rouge

WineWise Code	FCP-SJR16
Country	France
Region	Rhone
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	13.21
Acidity	3.33
Residual Sugar	<2
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	2600
Varieties	100% Syrah
Pumpover or Punchdown?	Both
Destemming	Whole Cluster
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	1
Aging method	Used Barrique 100%
Aging duration (months)	12
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	None
Yeast	Spontaneous
Lees Contact or Stirring	None
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes 23/39
Soil Type(s)	Granite
Elevation (meters)	150
Vineyard Aspect	Southeast
Vine age (years)	15-45
Vine Yields hl/ha	40
Farming practices	Conventional
Grape Picking	Hand-Harvested

WineWise Notes:

The elegance and suaveté that Pichon brings to this wine are ravishing. Deep-coloured, entirely “typique” Syrah nose with a seamless oak integration. This is St. Joseph at the highest height.



Notes from the producer:

It has always been a family affair. I took over the estate from my father, then in 1991 I bought some more vineyards. Two years later, I invested in an abandoned hillside so as to plant some Saint Joseph vines. Today, the estate owns 5 hectares of Condrieu, 4 hectares of red Saint Joseph, 2 hectares of white Saint Joseph, 3.9 hectares of Côte-Rôtie, 0.5 hectares of Cornas, 1 hectare of white Vin de Pays Collines Rhodaniennes and 0.5 hectares of red Vin de Pays in Seyssuel. After finishing his studies in viticulture and oenology, Corentin joined the family estate in 2012. In 2014, he spent 6 months vinifying Syrah in Australia, in the well-known Barossa Valley region. On his return to France, he began vinifying his second vintage for the same year ! As a result of his broad experience, he has refined the vinification style in complete harmony with the estate's way of thinking and maintains the respect of the vines and the wines. As an example, he is now making white wines without sulfites.

WineWise Notes on Christophe Pichon:

We continue our careful exploration of the northern Rhône with the addition of this stellar producer of Côte Rôtie, Condrieu, St. Joseph and Cornas. Now in the third generation of the Pichon family, the estate covers 16 hectares split between the four appellations above and a small quantity of vin de pays. The domaine offers elegant, perfumed wines that punch way above their weight when their modest cost is considered – the WineWise paradigm!