

VINS DE VIENNE

A collaboration inspired by history, Les Vins de Vienne is a partnership of Yves Cuilleron, Francois Villard and Pierre Gaillard, three superstar, Syrah-specialist vigneron in Rhone.

Beginning at Rhone's northern most point in 1996, this trio purchased and rejuvenated the old terroir of the vineyard of Seyssuel, located on the left bank of the Rhone, just 25km from Lyon, north of Côte-Rôtie. It was Gaillard's readings of historic writers that led him to Seyssuel, home to famed wines during the Roman era, the Middle Ages, and the 19th century. Purchasing his first vineyard in Malleval in 1981, in addition to Les Vins de Vienne, Pierre now manages 77ha of his own vineyards through the estates that he created at Malleval, Madeloc and Cottebrune.

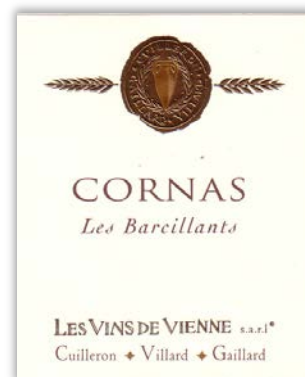


When Cuilleron first visited Seyssuel, he looked up at the rising slopes and noted their exposure to the sun. As the vigneron and proprietor at Cave Yves Cuilleron, which was established by his grandfather in 1920, Yves remains committed to the entire process from vine-planting to bottling, controlling every aspect of his wines. Practicing "viticulture raisonnée", he aims to "produce the best possible grapes" to make "100% homemade wines" both at his own estate and at Les Vins de Vienne.

While Yves was looking up, Francois was gazing down at the Mediterranean-like scrubland, examining the potential of the soil at Seyssuel. Comprised of mostly granite, with schist and slate, the soil sits in the form of terraces that face south and south-west. A former chef who learned winemaking on his own, the acclaimed Villard has his own domaine in Condrieu, along with holdings in St Joseph, St Veray and Côte Rôtie.

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CORNAS "LES BARCILLANTS"



Varietal/Blend: 100% Syrah

Farming: sustainable

Altitude / Exposure: 150-300m / terraced slopes facing SSE

Soil: granite covered with sediment

Ave Year Vines Planted: 1975

Harvest Technique: by hand

Vine Training: cordon de Royat

Yeast: ambient

Fermentation: partially destemmed / gravity flow into pneumatic press / 2-3 week ferment / punchdowns and pumpovers

Malolactic: full MLF

Aging: 16 months in oak (25% new)

Alcohol: 13%

Fined: no

Filtered: yes

Production #s: 450 cases

"The vineyard is situated about 10 km north-west of Valence, solely within the district of Cornas on the Rhone's right bank and the Ardeche administrative zone.... In the local dialect, Barcillants, meaning 'stron and generous winergrowers,' refers to the area's inhabitants and admirably reflects the unique character of Cornas."
More at VinsdeVienne.com

Country: France

Region: Rhone

Sub Region: Cornas

Vineyard Size: 1 ha / 40hL per ha. / 8-10,000 vines per ha