

## 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 Mallevall in 1981, in addition to Les Vins de Vienne, Pierre now manages 77ha of his own vineyards through the estates that he created at Mallevall, Madeloc and Cottebrune.

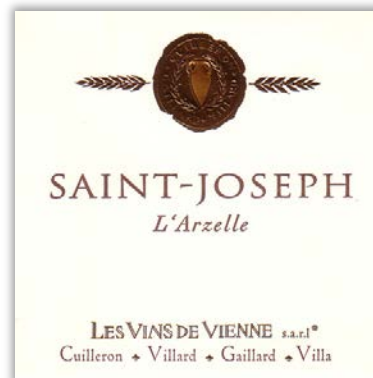


When Cuilleron first visited Seyssuel, he looked up at the rising slopes and noted their exposure to the sun. As the vigneron and proprietor at Cave Yves Cuilleron, which was established by his grandfather in 1920, Yves remains committed to the entire process from vine-planting to bottling, controlling 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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## SAINT-JOSEPH "L'ARZELLE"



**Varietal/Blend:** 100% Syrah

**Farming:** sustainable

**Altitude / Exposure:** 250m / SSE

**Soil:** schist and gneiss on a granite base

**Ave Year Vines Planted:** 1975

**Vine Training:** cordon de Royat or goblet on poles

**Yeast:** ambient

**Fermentation:** partial destemming / gravity flow into pneumatic press / 2-3 week ferment / punchdowns and pumpovers

**Malolactic:** full MLF

**Aging:** 16 months on lees in oak (25% new)

**Alcohol:**

**Fined:** no

**Filtered:** yes

**Production #s:** 500 cases

"According to a legend, during the 9th century, Charlemagne was quite fond of the wines produced from these slopes. At the time, they were called "Mauves", the name of a village situated at the heart of the appellation. During the 17th century, the Jesuits of Tournon dubbed them Saint-Joseph in tribute to the Virgin Mary's husband.... L'Arzelle refers to the unusual and diverse terroir of the Saint-Joseph appellation. Origination from the Massif Central, the granite easily decomposes over time. In the local dialect, Arzelle refers to the wearing away of the parent rock." More at [VinsdeVienne.com](http://VinsdeVienne.com)

**Country:** France

**Region:** Rhone

**Sub Region:** Saint-Joseph

**Vineyard Size:** 1.2ha. / 40 hL per ha. / 8,000 vines per ha.

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