Domaine Chevalier Crozes-Hermitage Rouge "Marius"



Once part of the cave co-operative at Tain-Hermitage, the family vineyards of Domaine Chevalier are gradually being reclaimed by the brother and sister team of Nicolas and Marlène Chevalier. Following his formal agricultural studies in France, Nicolas spent four years honing his winemaking skills on estates in Australia, California and South Africa. Nicolas works with three distinct parcels: Marius, Petite Pend, and Les Pends. These vineyards have excellent exposure and allow for dependably ripe, high-quality grapes, with great aromatic character and freshness. The 1.4 hectares of vines are farmed sustainably, then hand harvested, vinified and bottled according to parcel.

| Region: | Northern Rhône Valley |
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| Appellation: | Crozes-Hermitage |
| Owner: | Nicolas and Marlène Chevalier |
| Established: | 2008 |
| Farming Practices: | Sustainable |
| Soil: | Clay sub-soil with pebbles |
| Grape Varieties: | 100% Syrah |
| Yield/Hectare | 35 hl/ha |
| Avg. Production: | 400 cases |

Vinification and Élevage: All grapes are hand harvested and de-stemmed. In the winery, modern techniques such as gentle pneumatic pressing, oxygenation, and temperature control are employed. Aging for white wine is done in 100% new 400 Liter oak barrels, and for red wines 600 Liter oak barrels.

Tasting Notes: The wine is intensely aromatic with a delicate wood touch and long finish, offering pleasure in the short term as well as great potential for aging in bottle. This unique vineyard site attains an excellent level of ripeness and depth of flavor. It is an excellent match for red meat and game dishes in a rich sauce.

