

RHONE VALLEY

HERMITAGE/CROZES HERMITAGE

DOMAINE DU COLOMBIER
MERCUROL ET TAIN-L'HERMITAGE


OVERVIEW | This 16 hectare estate was created by Florent Viale's great grandfather over 80 years ago. The family sold their grapes and must to negocié, primarily to Guigal, until 1991 when, after Florent joined his father at the domaine, they began producing wine for sale under the domaine name. They invested in a vinification cellar and all the necessary material and they now bottle almost 80% of their production.

VINEYARD AREA: 16 hectares

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 15,000 bottles

SOIL TYPES: granite, stone

GRAPE VARIETIES: syrah and marsanne

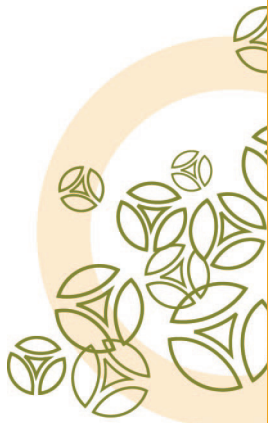
The domaine is spread over the communes of Mercurol and Tain-l'Hermitage planted at high density on stony slopes in Syrah for the red, almost 14 ha, and Marsanne for the white. The domaine produces a Crozes Hermitage blanc, a Hermitage blanc, two cuvées of Crozes Hermitage rouge and a Hermitage rouge. They own 1.6 ha of vineyard in Hermitage.

French critic Michel Bettane considers the domaine the "porte drapeau" of the appellation, noted in 2002 that few wines express with so much freshness and directness the fruit of this varietal (syrah) with its aromas of cassis and black fruits. More recently he commented that the Hermitage and the Crozes Hermitage, known for their precision and their clarity have over the past vintages gained a richness and a profundity unsuspected in the past.

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | The grapes are harvested by hand. Fermentation is in tank for the red and barrel for the Hermitage blanc. The reds are aged in demi-muids.

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Crozes Hermitage Blanc
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