

rhône valley

northern rhône

vincent paris cornas



overview | *“One of the bright new producers in Cornas, Paris has garnered considerable attention from European wine publications. His two cuvees of Cornas celebrate the granite soils of the steep terraces of this rustic appellation.”* - Robert Parker, Jr.

vineyard area: 8 hectares
annual production: 1600 cases
soil types: granite, gneiss
grape varieties: syrah

Vincent Paris, whose first vintage was 1997, is as shy as his wines are bold. Born in the mid 1970s, he has retro sideburns, but not much else in the Cornas appellation's new star is “retro.” Vincent's uncle is Robert Michel, one of Cornas' finest growers. He made his two first wines with his uncle then, seeking autonomy, rented facilities and now now produces wines in his own facilities with a courtyard that holds his apricot plantation.

Vincent inherited most of his own vines from his grandfather (some of which are nearly 100 years old) and has also rented some vines from his uncle. Vincent's total rented and owned holdings amount to 8 hectares. They are located at different places along the southeast facing Cornas slope and a small lot in St. Joseph, with all holdings predominantly granite based.

vineyard/cellar practices | In the vineyard Vincent prunes to leave only four bunches of grapes per vine (the norm is between five and seven) which concentrates the vines' growing power and cuts down on the need for green harvests. He ferments at relatively low temperatures and matures his wine in oak barrels for up to 12 months.

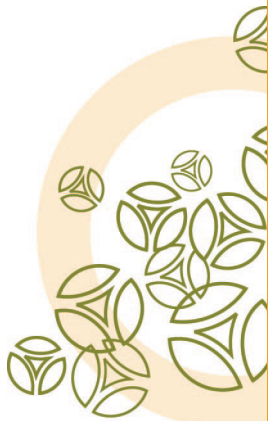
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Saint Joseph - From the southern sector of Saint Joseph planted on predominantly granite soils.

Cornas Granit Thirty - From younger vines at a lower grade slope than the 60, from the same fine granitic soil. Concentrated black fruit with a comparatively “consumer-friendly” style. Vine age averages 12 years.

Cornas Granit Sixty Vieilles Vignes - The name refers to both the soil type and the gradient of the parcels, of which there are 3 that comprise the sourcing for this cuvée. Location is north-east of Sauman and facing Reynard. The northeast exposition provides freshness in comparison to other plots that face south. Average vine age for the plots are 20, 60 & 100 years.

Cornas Granit La Geynale - Vincent recently acquired the Geynale vineyard from his retiring uncle. The vineyard is in the Reynard area of Cornas. The vines average at least 80 years, and soils are granite complemented with gneiss, although the primary rock is quite close to the vines, resulting in remarkable minerality.



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