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LES RUCHETS, CORNAS

Jean-Luc Colombo
VINS COLOMBO

DETAILS OF PRODUCTION

“Les Ruchets” (The Beehives) is Colombo’s signature wine and the soul of the Domaine. Coming from his first vineyard in Cornas, Les Ruchets was the first wine released by Jean-Luc in 1987. The heart of the Colombo winery is also based in Cornas, the smallest appellation in the Rhône, covering only 325 acres and one of the few appellations in the world dedicated exclusively to Syrah. The grapes come from a single parcel of very old vines (up to 90 years old) at an elevation of 250m. The vineyard consists of the granitic soil on the famously steep slopes of “Chaillot” in Cornas, surrounded by green oaks and junipers. The soil is well covered with bark mulch to limit erosion and encourage the natural growth of the vines. After hand-harvesting the grapes are de-stemmed and vinified in controlled temperature vats with 1 month maceration. Then the wine is aged in oak barrels (1/3 new, 2/3 in 1 to 3 year old barrels) for 22 months. The wine is certified Organic.

TASTING NOTES

Splendid dark colour. A very complex and elegant nose, both floral and fruity. Beautiful notes of violets, black fruits, spices and a hint of vanilla. Powerful palate, well-structured with very elegant and ripe tannins. The palate evolves in the mouth to show great complexity.

HOW TO SERVE

Delicious with most game, such as wild duck rubbed with crushed spices, but also superb with a roasted tenderloin steak. This wine will be ready to drink in 4 years, but it can be kept for 20 years. Serve at 18°C and decant if possible.

“Marked by notes of mocha and purple raspberries, the 2017 Cornas les Ruchets is full-bodied and velvety on the palate. Notes of cola and wood spice linger on the long, mouthwatering finish. This is one parcel of vines that shows well in warm years, because its east-facing aspect protects it from the worst of the afternoon heat. 93 points”

JOE CZERWINSKI, WINE ADVOCATE, 19TH DECEMBER 2019

JEAN-LUC COLOMBO LES RUCHETS, CORNAS 2017

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VINTAGE 2017
STYLE Red
BLEND OF GRAPES 100% Syrah
WINEMAKER Jean-Luc Colombo
ALCOHOL 14%

