



# DOMAINE BERNARD GRIPA

Region: Northern Rhône (Saint-Joseph) Village: Mauves

Winemaker: Fabrice Gripa

Property: 16 hectares (12.5 hectares in Saint-Joseph and 3.5 in Saint-Péray)

Located in the heart of the Northern Rhône appellation of Saint-Joseph, Domaine Bernard Gripa is a fourth generation winery (their ancestry in the area actually goes back hundreds of years) producing wine on the slopes of Saint-Joseph and Saint Péray.

The wines of Saint-Joseph have a long and great history in France. In the 15<sup>th</sup> century you could find Saint-Joseph (known then as 'Vin de Mauves' wines on the table of King Henry VI! The appellation was given its current name by the Jesuits of Tourmon in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. In 1956, Saint-Joseph was granted the status of Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée. Gripa's cellar is located in the village of Mauves, which is where the original AOC was created. Since then, the AOC's borders have been expanded immensely. Many winemakers and critics will agree that it is still the vines on the steep gneiss-covered slopes located in and around Mauves that produce the best Saint-Joseph wines.

Just south of Saint-Joseph and Mauves is the white wine producing appellation of Saint Péray. The varietals permitted here are Marsanne and Roussanne.

## *SAINT JOSEPH 'LE BERCEAU' BLANC*

100% Marsanne

Soil: Granite and Gneiss

1 hectare of old vines parcels (the oldest planted in the 1920's) with an average age of 63 years.

The vineyards here are planted on terraces, so all work is done manually.

The grapes are pressed into steel tanks for a cold maceration before fermentation.

Aged in 1-4 year barriques and demi-muids for 6 months before bottling. The wine rest in bottle for an additional 12 months before leaving the cellar for sale.

