



DOMAINE JASMIN

Region: Northern Rhône (Côte Rôtie) Village: Ampuis

Winemaker: Patrick Jasmin

Property: 5.3 hectares (5 ha in Côte Rôtie, 0.3 ha in Collines Rhodaniennes)

The Jasmin family, originally from the Champagne region, got their start in Côte Rôtie not on the steep hillsides, but in the kitchen of Château d'Ampuis. Alexandre Jasmin moved his family from north to the south when the position of Chef was offered to him. At the time, Ampuis was already known as the heart of Côte Rôtie and Alexandre did not want to miss out on his chance to be a part of the local culture. When the opportunity to purchase the vineyard adjacent to the Château d'Ampuis he jumped at it. Four generations later, Alexandre's great-grandson, Patrick is continuing this family's winemaking tradition. Patrick's father, Robert, is identified as being the one who raised the domaine's level of quality to new heights before his untimely death in 1999. Today, the 40-something year old Patrick maintains this level of quality and signature finesse of the Jasmin family's wines.

CÔTE RÔTIE

96% Syrah and 4% Viognier

Soil: Mainly schist in the Côte Brune, and mica-schist and granitic in Côte Blonde.

Average vine age is 30 years, with the oldest vines planted in 1960 by Patrick's grandfather Georges.

5 hectares of holdings from 11 parcels in the Côte Blonde and Côte Brune. The small amount of Viognier comes from the Côte Blonde Lieu dit La Vigne de Birot.

The grapes haven't been 100% destemmed since the 1996 vintage. The Syrah and Viognier are co-fermented in thermoregulated cement tanks. Each lieu dit is vinified separately for roughly 21 days. The initial blending doesn't happen until the first racking in December.

The wine is aged in new to 10 year old barriques and demi-muids(590L) for 18-24 months. There is very little, if any, new oak.

In 2000, Patrick was the French National Champion Kart-Cross racer. Kart-Cross is basically the American equivalent of Kart racing. If you were curious whether or not winemakers like to have hobbies, let this be your first lesson!

