



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 continues thie 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.

VDP COLLINES RHODANIENNES 'LA CHEVALIÈRE' ROUGE

100% Syrah

Soil: Sandy soils from a parcel below the terraces of Côte Rôtie

25 year vines planted in 1995.

Aged in a combination of barrel(barrique and demi-muids) and steel tank for 12-24 months.

Tragically, while hunting in 1999, Robert Jasmin was hit by a car and killed. His son Patrick was thrown into being the winemaker. Yet, with little preparation, he miraculously produced a fine 1999 Côte Rôtie.

Little has changed since then. Patrick continues to make his Côte Rôtie much as his father did. In other words, there is still a submerged cap, and the percentage of new barrels is relatively low. The only major difference is that today the crop is 100% destemmed.

The Jasmin wines also continue to be counted among the handful of wines that most faithfully capture Côte Rôtie's unique character. They are, in John Livingstone-Learmonth's words, "the bridge between Burgundy and the Rhône."

