



DOMAINE BERTRAND STEHELIN

Region: Southern Rhône (Vaucluse) Village: Gigondas

Winemaker: Bertrand Stehelin

Property: 4 hectares of Gigondas, 1.3 hectares of Côtes du Rhône Villages Sablet, and 2.5 hectares of IGP in Sablet.

The name Stehelin comes from Fritz Stehelin, a German/Swiss business man who in 1840 moved to Bedarrides and settled at Chateau Mont Thabor. He became the forefather of the winegrowers in Rhone with the name Stehelin.

Bertrand Stehelin has not been making wine very long. That isn't because he led a completely different career until now...he's just very, very young...31 years old to be exact. Bertrand learned most of what he knows from his father, who takes care of the family's estate, Paillière et Pied-Gu, and the rest he learned from his schooling at the Oenological school in Orange.

The first vintage for Stehelin, under his own label, was 2003. He is working out of his parent's cellar while his own is being constructed in the village of Roaix. Aside from Gigondas, his principal production, Bertrand is also producing a Sablet Côtes du Rhône Villages, a Vin de Pays rouge and a teeny, tiny amount of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, which comes from his uncle's vines in Bedarrides.

GIGONDAS ROSÉ

50% Cinsault, 25% Clairette Blanche, and 25% Grenache Noir

Soil: Clay-limestone soils

The grapes are hand-harvested. The juice is fermented in steel vats after being bled of the skins (saignée). Malo-lactic fermentation is blocked.

The wine is aged in steel vats for 6 months before bottling.