



# 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.

Although Bertrand Stehelin is only about 40 years old, he has over 20 years of wine making experience under his belt!. 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 ROUGE*

70% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre

Soil: North west facing slopes with well-marked strata of clay-limestone, alluvial terraces, and scree.

Located north-west of the Dentelles de Montmirail, the vines are planted between 100 meters and 300 meters above sea level. Their vines are between 70 and 90 years old.

The wine is vinified in steel tank and aged in foudres for 24 months before bottling.

