



François Villard

François' empire continues to grow, but he still keeps a tight rein on operations while being open to sharing his knowledge and passion for his region.

The recently expanded winery perched above Saint-Michel-sur-Rhône, once modest in size, is now brimming with vats and barrels, yet the exceptional quality remains unwavering. François Villard's distinguished estate, founded in 1989 by the former chef turned winemaker, has grown to encompass over 40ha of vineyards, alongside an additional 25ha of fruit sourced from trusted growers. Producing around 450,000 bottles annually, the domaine offers a diverse portfolio of 23 cuvées from some of the northern Rhône Valley's most celebrated appellations, including Condrieu, Côte-Rôtie, Saint-Joseph, Crozes-Hermitage, Cornas and Saint-Péray. These wines regularly grace the tables of top restaurants worldwide – a testament to their enduring excellence.

VITICULTURE

François Villard practices sustainable viticulture, with all vineyard work conducted manually to ensure meticulous care and respect for the land. The estate has been certified organic since August 2022, reflecting its commitment to ecological farming practices. Grape varieties cultivated include Viognier, Syrah, Marsanne, and Roussanne. The vineyards are situated on steep terraces with slopes reaching up to 60%, composed of granitic, schist, and clay-limestone soils. These conditions, coupled with a continental climate influenced by Mediterranean winds, contribute to the production of wines with depth and character.

WINEMAKING

Winemaking is characterised by minimal intervention and a focus on authenticity. Fermentation occurs with indigenous yeasts, and the use of sulphur is minimal, aiming to preserve the natural expression of the fruit. Red wines are predominantly made from whole clusters and aged in a combination of French oak barrels, foudres, and conical vats for 15 to 20 months. White wines, primarily blends of Viognier, Marsanne, and Roussanne, are pressed directly upon arrival at the winery, fermented in barrels under temperature control, and aged on fine lees with weekly bâtonnage for six months.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Northern Rhône estate of 40 + ha with 23 diverse cuvées from top crus like Condrieu and Côte-Rôtie.
- Sustainable, manual vineyard work with organic certification reflects deep respect for land and terroir.
- Minimal-intervention winemaking using native yeasts preserves authentic fruit expression and character.

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Item	Vintage		Pack size (cl)
6464	2023	François Villard, Marsanne-Roussanne, Les Contours de Mairlant, Northern Rhône, France	6 x 75
6464	2024	François Villard, Marsanne-Roussanne, Les Contours de Mairlant, Northern Rhône, France	6 x 75
6706	2024	Francois Villard, La Sirene Blanche, IGP Collines Rhodaniennes, Northern Rhône, France	6 x 75
5491	2023	François Villard, Viognier, Les Contours de Deponcins, St-Michel-sur-Rhône, Northern Rhône, France	6 x 75
5489	2023	François Villard, Saint Péray, Version, St-Michel-sur-Rhône, Northern Rhône, France	6 x 75
5794	2024	Francois Villard, Crozes-Hermitage Blanc, Cour de Récré, Rhône, France	6 x 75
5490	2023	François Villard, Condrieu, Terrasses du Palat, St-Michel-sur-Rhône, Northern Rhône, France	6 x 75
5716	2022	François Villard, Condrieu DePoncins, St-Michel-sur-Rhône, Northern Rhône, France	6 x 75
6702	2023	François Villard, L'Appel Des Serines, IGP Collines Rhodaniennes, Northern Rhône, France	6 x 75
5492	2021	François Villard, Saint Joseph Rouge, Poivre et Sol, St-Michel-sur-Rhône, Northern Rhône, France	6 x 75
5492	2023	François Villard, Saint Joseph Rouge, Poivre et Sol, St-Michel-sur-Rhône, Northern Rhône, France	6 x 75
5793	2023	Francois Villard, Crozes-Hermitage Rouge, Certitude, Rhône, France	6 x 75
5715	2023	François Villard, Côte-Rôtie, Le Gallet Blanc, St-Michel-sur-Rhône, Northern Rhône, France	6 x 75

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