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## Domaine Belle, Crozes-Hermitage, Les Pierrelles, Rhône, France, 2021



### Producer Profile

One of the stars of northern Rhône.

Domaine Belle is one of a handful of producers achieving the exciting potential of this area and justifying its reputation as one of the classic regions of France. Philippe Belle oak matures a quarter of the blend of Crozes-Hermitage enhancing the full, ripe flavours and attractive, complex aromas of the wine.

### Viticulture

The domaine extends to 25 hectares in 6 communes and three appellations, Saint Joseph, Crozes-Hermitage and Hermitage. Low yields in the vineyards (30-35 hl/ha) and of course the wonderful climate help produce grapes of exceptional quality. This soil is composed of white limestone clay also known as Kaolin, Granite and Galet stone.

### Winemaking

The red wines are produced traditionally in temperature controlled closed tanks using whole bunches of grapes and extended maceration. They are then matured in oak for between 12 and 18 months with 20 to 25% new barrels each year. "Les Pierrelles" is produced in the commune of Pont de l'Isere on a stony vineyard with poor soils, the wine is relatively forward, with lovely textured tannin and aromas of red fruits.

### Technical Details

**Varieties:**  
Syrah 100%

**ABV:** 14%

**Closure:** Natural cork

**Colour:** Red

**Style:** Still wine

**Case Size:** 12 x 75cl

### Oak Ageing

**Time:** 14 months

**Type:** French

**% wine oaked:** 100

**% new oak:** None

### Tasting Note

A rich, savoury example from one of the leading lights of the region. Well balanced with dark fruits and subtle spice combined with well integrated wood.

### Food Matching

An ideal accompaniment to any dish, particularly grilled red meats and light casseroles