

AOP Saint Joseph Madone 2017





The terroir:

Geographical location: The vines are planted at the top of southeast-facing hillsides

at an altitude of 300 m.

Soil type: Granite subsoil and sandy soil.

Climate: Sub-Mediterranean, cold winters and hot and dry summers.

Rains regularly during the other seasons (approximately 600 to 700 mm per year).

Grape variety: 100% Syrah, vines are between 45 and 50 years old, yield 35 hl / ha.

Pruning method: Single Guyot method of pruning – trellising on wires.

Cultivation: De-hydrated organic compost (bovine-manure based), treatment with herbal teas,

> bio-dynamic preparations, sulphur and Bordeaux mixture to maintain the balance between the vines and the soil. Leaf-thinning, removing laterals. Mechanical

ploughing of the soil, alternate rows are left for natural grasses to grow.

Hand-picked harvest when grapes are ripe, selective grape picking in the vineyard, Harvesting:

the grapes are harvested in buckets then tipped into harvesting bins which can

contain up to 50kg of grapes, these bins are then taken to the wine cellar.

The Cellar:

Arrival: Selective grape sorting by hand on a vibrating sorting table,

then 20% of the volume is destemmed.

Fermenting: Lasts 30 days with 1 pumping-over and 1 punching of the cap per

day, the fermentation process takes place with natural yeasts between 28° and 34°C thanks to temperature controlled tanks.

Pressing: Grapes are placed in a pneumatic press, then in barrels for

malolactic fermentation.

Maturing: 18 months in 500-litre oak barrels (up to 7 years old).

Tangential filtration. Bottling took place in April 2019.

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Alcohol level: 13 % Alc./Vol.

Ageing potential: This wine is to be drunk after 4 to 8 years of ageing. **Aromas**:

Revealing an array of complex aromas of dark fruits,

pepper and liquorice.

This wine can be served with small game and red meats.



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