

2016

## COTES DU RHONE

### V I N T A G E

« *A Fabulous Vintage !* »

As autumn is drawing to a close and the wine presses have been washed and put away, the first wines tasted before being blended confirm what had been sensed: 2016 is going to be a fabulous vintage! And if some compare it to the magnificent 2010, some others do not hesitate to go as far as the famous star-vintage 1990... Either way, the evidence that we are witnessing the making of a great vintage is clear.

### S O I L

Our Côtes-du-Rhone vineyards are situated to the north of Bollène on the border between the Vaucluse and Drôme departments. The grapes are from the lieu-dit "la blancherie" . The soil is mainly quaternary alluvial deposits.

### W I N E M A K I N G

A partial destemming takes place and the vats are gravity filled. The wine is made avoiding maximal extraction, on the contrary the sought after qualities are elegance and freshness. The free run juice and the press juice are raised separately, mainly in concrete tanks where they undergo their malo-lactic fermentation. After the final blend is made the wine continues to mature in large oak barrels and vats

### B L E N D

60% Grenache – 40% Syrah

A L C O H O L                      14.5 %.vol

S E R V I C E   T E M P .        15°C

