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Domaine Combier : High hopes for the 2018 white Crozes Hermitage

Perhaps the best white "Cuvée L" ever produced by Domaine Combier! Julien, David and Laurent Combier today announced the release of the new 2018 vintage Crozes-Hermitage 'Cuvée L' white, as well as the 'Domaine Combier' white. Made in a vintage where "speed was of the essence" during harvest, these wines reflect the quality that had been anticipated, given the exceptional quality of the grapes. A delightful 100% terroir wine, which gives us a first hint of the potential of the 2018 vintage in Crozes Hermitage, ahead of a chance to taste the rare "Clos des Grives" parcel selection white, which won't be available until October 2020.

A HARVEST IN RECORD TIME TO AVOID EXTREMES

The Combier family has always been scrupulous about working in harmony with Nature, and extreme years like 2018 prove them right. The period between the end of May and the end of June suffered numerous storms creating ideal conditions for vine diseases, and the vines also grew very quickly, so it was necessary to be extremely reactive and diligent, and put in many hours of hard work to keep up. The hot and very dry summer that followed enabled the vines to develop rapidly. Harvesting began in early September and revealed degrees that had already attained high levels, good balance and grapes in perfect health. The white grapes were picked in the very early morning, to benefit from the cool night temperatures.

CUVEE L AND DOMAINE COMBIER 2018 - RADIANT WHITE CROZES HERMITAGE

Whilst the grapes were magnificent across the vineyard thanks to clement weather and warm temperatures, the key to the 2018 vintage was the decision to pick early to preserve the exceptional tonus of the Roussanne and Marsanne grapes. The 100% Marsanne Cuvée L 2018 needed only a little ageing in stainless-steel vats to reveal its extraordinary aromatic complexity. For the white Domaine Combier 2018, the 20% of Roussanne adds a fine minerality, necessary for more precise food pairings. The outcome for these two whites demonstrates the wisdom of the decisions taken on the estate, in relation to both the harvest date and the gentle winemaking methods adopted in the cellar.

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