



# Gilles Robin

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Since 2009

[www.gillesrobin.com](http://www.gillesrobin.com) Crozes-Hermitage (Rhône)



The Robin family have grown grapes in Crozes-Hermitage for generations, but until 1995 they were always sold to the local cooperative in Tain l'Hermitage. In just over 10 years Gilles now estate bottles his entire production and consistently produces some of the very best wines of this appellation. Gilles has just 15 hectares, however most of those vineyards are fully mature at more than 40 years old.

The estate has several plots of land in the favoured 'Les Chassis' district just south of the Hermitage hill. The soils in this area consist of large amounts of smooth pudding stones 'galets' and red clay from the route the Rhône river once flowed. These richer clay based soils give a wine that is typically rounder and more generous than from some other areas of the appellation.

Owing to the large amount of mature old vines at this estate most of the wine produced is of the premium "Alberic Bouvet" cuvee. This cuvee is produced from vines averaging 40 years age. Picking is done by hand and yields are kept low at around 38 hl/ha. In the ripest years a small percentage of stems are allowed in the ferment and the wine is aged in barriques (and increasingly in larger 450 and 600 litre barrels) for about 15 months with about 15% new barrels used each year.



## 2016 Cotes du Rhone rouge "Terroir de Bramarel"

**NEW WINE**

60% Grenache and 40% Syrah from a vineyard at Bramarel (near the truffle town of Richerenche), just outside Grignan on the border of the Grignan-les-Adhemar AOC, the most northerly appellation in the Southern Rhône. With more Syrah than an average Côtes du Rhône, this is a dark fruited, sumptuous easy-drinking wine, enlivened by savoury garrigue-accented highlights derived from its cooler northerly site. A new winner for Gilles. Delicious!

## 2016 Crozes-Hermitage blanc "Les Marelles"

Produced from 60% Roussanne (raised in stainless steel) and 40% Marsanne (aged in 3 yo barrels) planted on galet covered red clay soils and cropped very low at less than 25 hl/ha. Vinified naturally with its own yeast, this wine is kept on lees for just over 6 months then bottled to retain its freshness.

## 2016 Crozes-Hermitage rouge "cuvee du Papillon"

**Stelvin closure**

Produced from vines planted 1990 and younger. The wine is de-stemmed and matured in stainless steel tanks and is designed for earlier drinking for its freshness and perfumed black raspberry fruit with anise and spice notes that linger for ages. Made for enjoying in its youth.

## 2015 Crozes-Hermitage rouge "cuvee Alberic Bouvet"

*"Dark red. Mulled raspberry, mulberry fruit combines with oak, toasting on the nose. It holds its depth. The palate offers juicy, on the instant red fruits with a touch of spicing and a dryness from the oak towards the close. It's quietly muscular, and needs until 2018 to get together. It has the potential to be interesting, nuanced. 2023-24"* drinkrhone.com October 2016

## 2014 Crozes-Hermitage rouge "cuvee Alberic Bouvet"

*"Dark robe. There is a scented, sultry depth in the nose, good life in its blackberry fruit, an air of rose-hip also. This strikes out well on the palate, bears engaging black berry, blueberry, mulberry fruit, a good mixed bag. It rocks on well, has more brio than the Papillon 2014. There is a good note of tar late on, the tannins salted and round. A genuine child of mature vines – witness its beau juice and good style. From 2017. 2021-22."* drinkrhone.com Dec 2015

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### 2013 Crozes-Hermitage rouge “cuvee Alberic Bouvet”

Produced from vines planted in 1960's+70's from Les Chassis, Mercurol and Chenes Verts which are located on the best red clay soils not far from the Hermitage hill. *“Dark robe. Cassis-licorice first air here, red meat, wee grilling, grilled pork, along with cocoa. The palate reflects the vintage truly – it has life in its fruit and tannins, a core of plump fruit, still restrained. This is good, typical Crozes from the plain, its length enjoyable. It has spiced, dark moments, more foundation than the 2014, its juice very good and clear.”* drinkrhone.com Dec 2015

### 2015 Crozes-Hermitage rouge “1920”

**SOLD OUT**

Produced from the oldest vines of the estate planted by Gilles grandfather. Aged in 600L demi-muids and bottled un-fined and unfiltered, only produced in the very best years. *“Deep robe. The nose gives a sleek, refined air of black cherry fruit that appeals via its precision. There is light oaking. The oak is more prominent on the palate, where the black fruit retains a neat, stylish nature. This is polished, very modern Crozes, all very trim. It floats along well. From late 2017 – oak infusion is required. 2023-24.”* drinkrhone.com October 2016

### 2014 Saint Joseph rouge “Andre Peleat”

From vines planted 1966 on granite soil at about 300 metres altitude near Tournon. De-stemmed and vinified gently and aged in 600L barrel. Only 1000 bottles made. *“Full, dark robe, legs visible. Soaked black berries, pork scratchings show on the nose which has an intense depth, with licorice and floral notes. This is one tasty meatball: it holds exuberant black fruit, lozenges, fruit such as cassis and blueberry, along with fine tannins, a good, quiet structure. This has good life and lift, is a real Road Runner. Its bonny fruit is very much on the go. From spring 2017. 2024-25”* Johnathon Livingstone-Learmonth drinkrhone.com Dec 2015

### 2016 Saint Joseph rouge “St Epine”

**NEW - due 2018**

From this famous little vineyard north of Tournon, the soils here are schist and gneiss over granite with the wines typically have a finer fresher profile that those from the famed hillside above Tournon. Vinified with 100% whole-bunches the resulting wine is more Burgundian with striking floral aromatics and super fine tannins.

### 2015 Cornas

**SOLD OUT**

From vines located at the top of the Cornas hill in the famed lieu-dit of St Pierre. *“The bouquet summons beef stock, oxtail depth with a surround of crushed, minted black fruits and licorice. There is some of the sweetness of the vintage here. The palate bears salted red berry fruits with fresh, keen tannins that shape the long finish. It ends with some gusto. It is in a rocky, oaky stage now, feels a little exerted, and needs leaving until mid-2019. It will do well over time. 2032-34.”* Drinkrhone.com Oct 2016

### 2015 Hermitage rouge

**SOLD OUT**

Less than 3000 bottles produced from vines planted in 1972 towards the bottom of the lieu-dit Les Bessards. Gilles does all the vineyard work for these vines working organically. The fruit is de-stemmed before a 21-25 day vinification then aging in 2 demi-muids before bottling un-fined and unfiltered after 18 months elevage. This wine is fresh and detailed with old vine intensity expanding on the palate finishing with notable earthy minerality and impressive persistence. Will develop and evolve over a decade or more. Impressively fresh, detailed and intense. A superb representation for this great vineyard. *“The 250-case 2015 Hermitage comes all from the famed les Bessards lieu-dit and will see two years in new French oak. It's a big, fleshy, gorgeously layered and sexy red that has lots of tannin, full-bodied richness, tons of cassis, black raspberry and graphite aromatics, with a finish that won't quit. It's a dead serious Hermitage that's going to require patience.”* (94-96) points, Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016; ★★★★★, John Livingstone-Learmonth, The Cradle of the Rhône, October 2016.