



# DOMAINE FRANÇOIS ET FILS, YOANN FRANÇOIS

## CONDRIEU "VEAUVIGNÈRE" 2018



Condrieu is a tiny appellation established in 1940 in the Northern part of the Rhône Valley, just 25 miles south of Lyon. Composed of seven villages, about 60 growers and a little over 300 acres, it stretches of the right side of the Rhône River where it bends just south of Côte Rotie. Viognier, only grape variety allowed in Condrieu, thrive in a sandy mixture of decomposed granite, mica schist and clay, which naturally lowers the yield and explore the utmost potential of the grape. Viognier is planted worldwide now, but it is in Condrieu that the grape find its spiritual homeland and comes into its own.

Fourth generation of the François family, Yohann joined the estate in the year 2004. On his small 10 acres estate he produces roughly 1,300 cases of Syrah and Viognier, but their main activity is making farmhouse cheeses from the milk of their twenty-five cows, which they sell at local farmers market across the Rhône valley.

2017 is the year of the recognition, the "Revue du Vin de France" placing him on the top three of the Côte Rotie and Condrieu producers in front of the star of the appellation Cuilleron, Villard and Clusel Roch.

### TERROIR

Single lieu-dit "Veauvignère" located in the village of Malleval, further to the south. Shallow soil made of granit and Arzelle (a mixture of decomposed granite, mica, shale and clay). South exposure.

The climate is continental, with a slight Mediterranean influence.

### VARIETAL

100% Viognier – 25 years-old vines

### CULTURE

Due to the steepness of the plots all the works are done by hand. The low vigor of the vines, the leaf thinning and the green harvest allow a perfect aeration and the healthiest conditions possible. Organic practices are applied in the vineyard. Harvest is made exclusively by hand.

### VINIFICATION

Slow pneumatic pressing in pneumatic press. Fermentation and 10 months ageing in mostly old 228l & 400l French oak barrels (15% new). Light filtration before bottling. 150 cases production.

### TASTING NOTES

Lively aromas of fresh citrus and orchard fruits. Sappy pear and honeysuckle flavors dominates in the mouth. The chalky minerality and subtle floral notes offers an energetic finish.

*Other wines from the same estate:  
Côte Rôtie "Rozier" – Côte Brune*

