



PIERRE JEAN VILLA CÔTE RÔTIE CARMINA

*certified organic

After seven years of managing and making the wine at the Vins de Viennes winery, Pierre Jean Villa started his own domaine in 2009 from scratch. He resurrected vineyards and embarked on finding a truly viable organic viticulture for his steep hillsides. He has 42 acres of vines and has been joined at the domaine by his son and daughter.



VINEYARD

- Site:** The vines are in the northern half of the Côte Rôtie appellation: an old-vine parcel in the Fongean vineyard on the Côte Brune plus younger vines in the Verney lieu-dit of Lézardes.
- Soil:** Very fine mica schist over granite bedrock.
- Vines:** From two parcels: an old vine parcel planted in 1959 and 1964 of 1 ¼ acres and 5 acres of younger vines. *Certified organic in France by Ecocert but not in the US by USDA.
- Varieties:** Syrah plus two lonely vines of Viognier that somehow got planted by accident and whose grapes are tossed into the vat.

CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** 30-50% whole cluster spontaneous ferments; *carmina* is the proprietary name of a cuvée that is made primarily with old vine grapes and fermented with 30% - 50% of whole clusters. Aged in a mix of 225L and 600L barrels, all older, and bottled if possible without fining or filtration.
- Production:** 600-800 six-packs.
- Profile:** A wine with a great deal of breed with a red profile. Smooth and seamless with excellent aromatics and a smoky mineral core.