



PIERRE JEAN VILLA CÔTE RÔTIE FONGEANT

*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:** Fongéant is a lieu-dit at the very top of the Côte Brune hillside.
- Soil:** Granite terraces covered with gneiss, clay and iron oxide.
- Vines:** From a parcel of just over an acre of *sélection massale* vines planted in 1954 and 1964, and since 2013 Pierre Jean has plowed this vineyard with a horse. Each vine is distinctive with little reason or rhyme to them: the grapes range from small to large. *Certified organic in France by Ecocert but not in the US by USDA.
- Varieties:** Syrah.

CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** Depending on the year, the wine is made with between two-thirds and 100% whole cluster after a strict *tirage*. Aged in a mix of 228L barrels and 500L *demi-muids* for 24 months. Racked 6 weeks before bottling.
- Production:** 400 six-packs.
- Profile:** Powerful with a beautiful lift built around a spine of iron. Concentrated, complex, and altogether ageworthy.