



## PIERRE JEAN VILLA SAINT-JOSEPH PRÉFACE

\*certified organic

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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.

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### VINEYARD

- Site:** The vines are in the northern, cooler half of the Saint-Joseph appellation. As much as 20% of the grapes come from the old Syrah vines of Serine, prized for their small berries.
- Soil:** Sand and schist soils overtop of granite bedrock.
- Vines:** From five acres of 30-90-year-old vines. \*Certified organic in France by Ecocert but not in the US by USDA.
- Varieties:** Syrah.

### CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** As much as 30% of the wine, especially the old vines of Serine, is fermented with whole stems. Aged in a mix of 225L and 500L barrels, all older, for 12-13 months.
- Production:** 2,000 six-packs.
- Profile:** Incredibly drinkable and seamless with a terrific core of pure-purety is the word here—Syrah fruit. Initially, Préface was Pierre-Jean's first cuvée of the range, hence the name (the Vin de France Syrah came later).