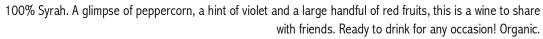
## JULIEN CECILLON VDF SYRAH 'LES GRAVIERES'



A négociant blend of Syrah from three vineyards in the Rhône Valley. The majority from the southern parts of the Drôme and Ardèche and the rest from vineyards around Tournon. Total vineyard size is 10 acres, altitude 300-500m. The soil is Clay-limestone and granite with pebbles. The vines are 15-80 years old. *Les Graviers* means gravel, a reference to the humble-yet-essential stone used in everyday life. The winery was a former gravel warehouse and the market square in Tournon where Julien grew up is called Place des Graviers. The grapes are harvested by hand and 70% are destemmed. Fermentation with native yeast in stainless steel vats. Aged 7-8 months (50%) / 14 months (50%) in oak barrels.

While the Cecillon label only recently began, Julien Cecillon's family has been making wine in Tournon for 11 generations. Acquiring small parcels by chance, opportunity & perseverance, Julien & his wife Nancy Kerschen have worked together with tireless focus to craft wines that establish their own reputation amongst the best producers in the Northern Rhône. Though they are running the winery on their own, the couple certainly benefits from the guidance of Julien's winemaking heritage. Their small winery is located near Tournon, in the historic center of the Rhône Valley. All of the wines at the domaine are produced with native yeasts & aged primarily in used barrels to create harmonious, balanced wines that highlight the unique terroirs of the Northern Rhône.

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## Tasting Note:

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100% Syrah. A glimpse of peppercorn, a hint of violet & a large handful of red fruits, this is a wine to share with friends. Organic.

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