

JULIEN CECILLON GAMAY 'LA SAVANE'



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From the Les Turcs Vineyard in Ardoix, a rugged landscape deep into the hills of the Ardèche, Southern France, that Cécillon acquired in 2016. The plot is on granite hillsides overlooking the Rhône. The first time they arrived on the parcel, they could barely see the vines, hence the name, which means 'savanna'. The vineyard covers 3.5 acres at 400m altitude with Southern exposure. The vines were planted in 1978. The soil is decomposed granite and sand. 30% whole cluster, 70% destemmed. Native yeast fermentation in stainless steel vats for 5 days. Aged 50% in stainless steel vats, 50% in 5-7 years old barrels. No fining, tangential filtration.

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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