

DOMAINE BREYTON CROZES-HERMITAGE 'CUVÉE CHARLES'



100% Syrah. Clear, medium ruby-red robe. Intensely perfumed with dark red fruits, plums, violet, woodsmoke, graphite and subtle herbal or pepper hints. Medium-bodied, round and easy, balancing fine mineral-driven structure from the granite with low-intervention purity, fresh acidity, and a dry, classic finish. Pairs beautifully with grilled rosemary lamb chops, charred beef, classic French cassoulet, and wild mushroom risotto. Organic/Biodynamic.

Domaine Breyton is located in the town of Beaumont-Monteux, in the southern section of Crozes-Hermitage, Northern Rhône, France. The grapes come from the Beaumont-Monteux, Serves, and Gervans Estate vineyards, planted from 1946-50. The soil is made up of alluvial stones and granite. Following a manual harvest, the grapes are destemmed and fermented in stainless steel tanks with native yeasts. The wine then ages for nine months in stainless-steel.

Jacques Breyton has been working his 20 acres of vines & his fruit orchards organically & biodynamically since the 90s, as an ecosystem with biodiversity yields healthy & complex fruits. His meticulous, thoughtful farming & simple, restrained winemaking, is how he transmits terroir to the glass so transparently. Crozes-Hermitage is not the flashiest appellation in the Northern Rhône, but its down-to-earth unpretentiousness suits Jacques Breyton well, as he prefers to quietly and methodically go about his business of crafting soulful wine, as well as growing apricots and other fruits on his biodynamic farm. (He has been bottling his own wine since 2005. Previously, he sold his yield to négociants and the local co-op, as he has always been a grower.) The wines of Domaine Breyton convey authenticity and sincerity often lacking in many modern wines bearing the Crozes-Hermitage label.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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