Domaine Johann Michel

France - Rhone Valley

Johann Michel is a self-taught winemaker who discovered his passion while tasting old bottles of wine with his grandfather. His first vintage was 1997. He works alongside his wife Emmanuelle, farming a little over 5.5 hectares (13.5 acres) spread between three AOC's:

- 4 hectares are in Cornas, all farmed under "culture raisonnée" (sustainable method), in the lieux dits "Les Côtes", "Bayonnet", "Chaillot" and the parcel called "Saveaux" for the AOC Cornas. Yields are very low here – 33 hl/ha for Cornas Tradition and 25 hl/ha for Cuvee Jana. He also produces a special cuvée, only in certain years: "Cuvée de la Mère Michel", a tribute to his wife & a play on the French song "La Mere Michelle".
  AOC Cornas is one of the smallest AOC's in France (only 155 hectares; 382 acres) with an average production of 61,000 cases per year for the entire appellation.

- 0.37 hectares in Saint Joseph AOC. Planted only with Syrah, Johann's first vintage was 2016 with 700 bottles produced. The vineyard is 120 meters high in altitude with a density of the density of 4,400 vines per hectare. The Saint Joseph wine is made using 100% destemmed grapes.
  Saint Joseph AOC is quite large compared to Cornas AOC, with a total acreate around 920 hectares (2,270 acres). The quality of the soils can be very different from one part to the appellation to another part of the AOC.

- 1 hectare in Saint Peray, planted with Marsanne and Roussanne. His parcels are located at the extreme South of the Saint Peray AOC (a few meters away from the border with the Cornas AOC). Johann makes 2 cuvées of Saint Peray: Saint Peray Blanc (a blend of 50% Roussanne and 50% Marsanne), and Saint Peray Blanc Cuvée M (100% Marsanne).

Founded	
1997	
Location	
France	
Wine Production Area	
France - Rhone Valley - Cornas AOC, Saint-Joseph AOC, Saint-Peray AOC	
Owners	
Johann Michel	
Winemaker	
Johann Michel	
Grape Varietals	
Syrah, Marsanne, Roussanne	
Agricultural Methods	
Sustainable	
Annual Production	
2,083 (9-liter cases)	
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