



## STEPHANE OGIER

VIGNERON EN CÔTE RÔTIE

### THE APPELLATION

Côte-Rôtie has a rich tradition of viticulture dating back to the Greeks and Romans. Its terraced vineyards are among the steepest in the world. This area gained its AOC designation in 1940, but its fame and remarkable development began in the 1980s.

The vineyards of Côte-Rôtie are distinguished by two main types of soils. In the north, the Côte Brune vineyards are composed of shale and contain deposits of iron oxide which give the wines great power. This power marries perfectly with the characteristics of Syrah to produce wines with extremely finessed tannins. In the south, the Côte Blonde vineyards are composed of granite topped with light soils. The wines produced in this area are aromatic and floral.



Vineyards Overlooking Ampuis

### THE FAMILY

The Ogier family has been rooted in Ampuis for seven generations. In 1983, Stéphane's father, Michel Ogier, decided to commercialize his wine at a time when Côte-Rôtie wines were booming around the world. From the age of six, Stéphane knew he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps. In 1997, after completing his oenological studies in Beaune, Stéphane formally joined the family estate.



Stéphane Ogier

### THE PHILOSOPHY

Stéphane was strongly influenced by Burgundy during his studies there. He learned about elegance and finesse, and today his wines are among the most delicate and subtle of Côte-Rôtie. As in Burgundy, the wines show the great diversity of terroirs. In the vineyards, Stéphane applies a precise method of working with the soils, often involving plowing with horse or manually. He has introduced lower yields to the domaine and has replanted many of the vineyards.



Plowing by Horse

### THE WINES

Domaine Stéphane Ogier produces wines from 27 acres of vineyards in some of the most famous Côte-Rôtie areas, such as Lancement, Côte-Rozier, and La Viallière. Aside from his Côte-Rôtie wines, Stéphane also produces a Côtes du Rhône (*Le Temps est Venu*) and several Syrah wines (*L'Ame Soeur*, *La Rosine*). In 20 years, total production has grown from 15,000 to 300,000 bottles. Today, the wines have become a reference point for the appellation and are sought after by the greatest chefs and most serious wine lovers around the world. Aside from his Côte-Rôtie wines, Stéphane also produces a Condrieu, Saint-Joseph, a Côtes du Rhône (*Le Temps est Venu*), and several Syrah (*L'Ame Soeur*, *La Rosine*) and Viognier wines.

### THE WINERY

In 2015, owing to the great growth and success of the domaine, a new cellar was built after two years of reflection and planning. The 18,000 ft<sup>2</sup> winery contains modern winemaking equipment and a 600-barrel cellar on the ground floor and office space and a tasting room upstairs. This tasting room offers a panoramic view of the beautiful slopes of Ampuis, the very heart of Côte-Rôtie.



The Winery