



**Saint-Joseph
'Terres d'Encre'**

Specification sheet

“Terres d’Encre” is a wine worthy of its name, literally translated as ‘Earth of Ink’ it is produced from vines planted on rich, dark granite terraces in the parish of Chavanay. Dark red in colour and with a bouquet and flavour of dark berry fruits. The mature, 30 year old syrah vines give the wine the fruitiness, spicy structure and body of the grand wines of our estate.

APPELLATION	Saint-Joseph
GRAPE VARIETIES	100 % SYRAH
VINEYARDS	1.5 hectares of south facing granite terraces in the parish of Chavanay. The vineyards are situated on steep hillsides rendering the use of machines for their maintenance impossible. They are thus maintained manually without the use of weedkillers, and with all phytosanitary treatments made using organic products.
AVERAGE AGE OF VINES	30 years old.
PLANTATION DENSITY	7,000 vines/hectare
CROP YIELD	38 Hl/Ha
ANNUAL PRODUCTION	7,000 bottles
PRUNING STYLE	Cordon de Royat
ROOT STOCK	3309
HARVEST	Manually harvested at maturity, the grapes are then loaded & transported to the cellar in cases.

<i>VINIFICATION</i>	The grapes are first de-stemmed and are then placed into temperature controlled stainless steel vats for a fermentation of between 2 to 3 weeks.
<i>MATURING</i>	1 year in oak barrels.
<i>AGEING</i>	Best drunk between 3 and 10 years.