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CROZES-HERMITAGE ACCROCHE CŒUR

When a vine grows, leaves start to appear and the tip of the plant produces small tendrils that look like a hair fringe in the form of a cow lick ("accroche cœurs").

THE TERROIR

HISTORY: previously dedicated to fruit orchards, this area changed over to winegrowing after its nearby neighbour Hermitage. AOC Crozes-Hermitage dates back to 1937. **GÉOGRAPHY:** this is the largest appellation in the northern part of the Rhone Valley. It extends across 11 districts on the river's left bank and represents a surface area of 1,500 hectares.

SOILS: fluvio-glacial alluvial, loess deposits and smooth pebbles from the Rhone. **CLIMATE:** it benefits from a moderate climate with hot and dry summers and regular rainfall during the other seasons.

THE VINES

VARIETY: 100% Syrah.

VINES AGE: less than 10 years old.

DENSITY: 5500 vines/ha.

PRUNING: cordon de Royat on wires.

THE CELLAR

WINE MAKING: the destemmed harvest is placed on a vibrating table and then transported to the vats on a conveyor belt. It is macerated for a period of 15 days. **AGEING:** 12 months in vats and in 500-litre casks. Racking and blending 6 weeks before bottling.