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IGP COLLINES RHODANIENNES ESPRIT D'ANTAN

This wine comes from the wine region of Seyssuel, which was one of the first regions of Vienne, planted by the Romans. Esprit d'Antan is a fleeting look at the wines of former times.

THE TERROIR

HISTORY: Vienne, ancient capital of the Allobroges, was conquered by the Romans 60 years before Ceasar's famous Gallic War. It rapidly became an important town. From the 2nd century of the Christian era vines sprang up on the hills of the town. Pliny the Elder refers to this region where a plant known as vitis allobrogica produced wines whose reputation reached as far as Rome.

SOILS: schist and quartz slopes covered in clay.

CLIMATE: moderate continental, dry and hot summers, regular rain during the other seasons.

THE VINES

VARIETY: 100% Viognier.

VINES AGE: less than 10 years.

DENSITY: 9,000 vines/ha.

PRUNING: Guyot Poussard.

THE CELLAR

WINE MAKING: the entire harvest is emptied one crate after the other, directly into a wine press. Settling is carried out at a low temperature for 12 to 24 hours and the juice is then made into wine with controlled temperatures in 15hl barrel.

AGEING: 12 months. Racking and blending, 6 weeks before bottling.