

**Winemaker:** Julien Cecillon

**Region:** Rhone Valley

**Location:** Saint-Jean-de-Muzols



# Les Marguerites

JULIEN CECILLON

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**Appellation:**

AOC Crozes-Hermitage

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**Farming:** Organic

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**Varietals:** 100% Syrah

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**Age of the vines:** Vines planted in 1936 and 1955

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**Vineyard/Terroir:** Crozes-Hermitage Les Marguerites comes from a single exceptional parcel located on the backside of the Hermitage hill, just above the town of Crozes. Named Pierre Aiguille (Stone Needle), the vineyard is set in a natural amphitheatre, with triple exposure to the South, West, and East. Before Nancy and Julien took over the vines in 2012, the entire production was sold off to the négociant. The cuvée is named in honor of Marguerite, the retired owner of the vines who decided to lease them to a young winemaking couple instead of a large maison. The soil type is granite de Tournon with large quartz crystals.

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**Vinification:** 100% whole cluster, 2 week long maceration. Fermentation with native yeast, in stainless steel tanks with regular punchdowns and pumpovers.

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**Elevage/Aging:** 18 months aging in 1-6 year old barrels (228L) and 7% new oak

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**About the winemaker:**

While the Cécillon label only recently began, Julien's family has been documented making wine in Tournon for eleven generations. From their winery near Today, Julien and his wife are dedicated to producing exceptional terroir-driven wines at their small winery, which is located near Tournon, in the historic center of the Rhône Valley.

Julien Cécillon grew up in Tournon-sur-Rhône, surrounded by the maternal branch of the family that includes



iconic producers such as his cousin, Bernard Faurie, and uncle Jean-Louis Grippat. After meeting Nancy Kerschen while working at a winery in California, the two decided to return to Tournon and create their own winery. Acquiring small parcels by chance, opportunity, and perseverance, Julien and Nancy have worked together with tireless focus to craft wines that establish their own reputation amongst the best producers in the Northern Rhône.