Winemaker: Nancy Kerschen **Region:** Rhone Valley **Location:** Saint-Jean-de-Muzols

L'Étrangère

NANCY KERSCHEN

Farming: Organic

Varietals: 100% Syrah

Age of the vines: Vines planted in 2016.

Vineyard/Terroir: Fruit is sourced from Rivoires in Tournon sur Rhône.

Vinification: 70% Whole cluster, 30% destemmed. Fermentation in stainless steel tanks with native yeast.

Elevage/Aging: aged 15 months in barrels

About the winemaker:

Texas-born Nancy Kerschen met Julien Cécillon while working as a sommelier in San Francisco, where Julien visited her wine bar. Their shared passion for wine led to the founding of Cave Julien Cécillon in 2012, where Nancy collaborates in the stewardship of the vineyards. In 2018, Nancy embarked on her personal winemaking journey, acquiring a plot of organic vines to create her own cuvée, "Étrangère." The name reflects her unique bicultural experience, symbolizing her identity as a 'foreign woman' in both the U.S. and France. The cuvée's additional «No. 7» honors her roots as one of seven children and also pays homage to the Ardèche's Department Number 07, where her vineyards are cultivated.