



Julien Cecillon Saint-Joseph Rouge Babylone 2018

Saint Joseph Babylone comes from old vine parcels near the historic center of the appellation, including century old vines from the Côte des Rivoirs parcel in Tournon. Additional vineyard sources in Vion and Ozon round out the blend. The first cuvée produced by Julien and Nancy, the name Babylone refers to their joyful return to the region, as well as their bilingual life in the cellar and vineyards, and how they succeeded in building their own little tower.

Technical Information

VARIETAL: Syrah	COUNTRY: France
TYPE: Red Wine	APPELLATION: Saint Joseph
RESIDUAL SUGAR:	ALC: 14.10%
SO2 TOTAL: 86mg/L	PRODUCTION: 5,385 bottles
VEGAN: Yes	UPC: 794020259844

Viticulture

FARMING:	SOIL TYPE: Granite de Tournon, Decomposed Granite with Sand, Gneiss
VINEYARD: La Roue, Tournon, Ozon, St Jean,	PRUNING: Gobelet (traditional) - Cordon Royat double (mechanization for top and bottom of the slopes)
VINE AGE: 1899-1974	EXPOSITION: South/East
VINEYARD SIZE: La Roue - 0.3 Ha, Cote des Rivoires - 0.1 Ha	ALTITUDE: Between 125m and 250m

Vinification and Elevage

VINIFICATION: 25% whole bunch, 75% destemmed maceration. Native yeast, fermentation in inox. Regular punchdowns and pumpovers.

ELEVAGE: 17 months aging in 1- 6 year old barrels (228-400L)

SO2 USE: During vatting (2mg/HL), after malolactic fermentation and correction before bottling (min 25mg/L)

FINING & FILTERING: No fining and minor tangential filtration with ceramic filters (less aggressive for the wine)

About Julien Cecillon

While the Cécillon label only recently began, Julien's family has been documented making wine in Tournon for eleven generations. From their winery near Tournon in the historic center of the Rhone Valley, they are dedicated to producing exceptional terroir-driven wines.

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 Rhone.

