



Julien Cecillon Saint Peray Gemini 2019

Like all of the cuvée names, this one has a very personal history. 2014 was the first year that Nancy Kerschen and Julien Cécillon produced this wine, and it was also the year that they had twin girls (who were supposed to be born in mid-June). According to Nancy, "We had a deadline for ordering our labels, and we did so when I was pregnant with certainty that they'd be born under the Gemini (twin star) sign. As it turns out they were born Cancers, which didn't have a nice ring to the cuvée, so we kept the Gemini labels."



Technical Information

VARIETAL: 70% Marsanne, 30% Roussane

COUNTRY: France

TYPE: White Wine

APPELLATION: Saint Peray

RESIDUAL SUGAR:

ALC: 13.50%

SO2 TOTAL: 74mg/L

PRODUCTION: 3,228 bottles

VEGAN: Yes

UPC: 794020260086

Viticulture

FARMING:

SOIL TYPE: Claylimestone soils

VINEYARD: 2 parcels : lieux-dit Abeylesse and Amour de Dieu

PRUNING: Gobelet (Marsanne) and Cordon Royat double (Marsanne and Roussane)

VINE AGE: Planted in 1980s and 1990

EXPOSITION: East

VINEYARD SIZE: 0.53 Ha

ALTITUDE: 150 m

Vinification and Elevage

VINIFICATION: Settling for 12 hours, small addition of SO2 before fermentation in barrels. Soft stirring.

ELEVAGE: Aged in barrels, 10% new oak (228L)

SO2 USE: After malolactic fermentation and before bottling

FINING & FILTERING: Minor bentonite fining and tangentiel filtration

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.

