



# JEAN-LUC COLOMBO

## CORNAS "LES RUCHETS" 2014

### BACKGROUND

Innovation, passion and dedication are what drives Jean-Luc and Anne Colombo, whose contributions to Rhône Valley winemaking is unparalleled. A devotee of the Syrah grape and armed with a pharmacy degree, Jean-Luc and his wife, Anne, opened their wine laboratory in 1984, "Centre Oenologique des Côtes du Rhône" and quickly developed a thriving reputation as a wine consultant throughout France. For their significant life-long contributions to their country, both Jean-Luc and Anne have been awarded the French Legion of Honor, France's highest civilian award. The Colombo's innovative approach in the northern appellation of Cornas was nothing short of revolutionary. Today, Jean-Luc Colombo's wines express the typicity of their terroir with elegance and character, from the Côte Rôtie in the northern Rhône to his Provençal roses.

### APPELLATION

Rhône Valley (AOC Cornas), France

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Syrah

### TERRIOR AND VINTAGE NOTES

The smallest appellation in the Rhône Valley. Covering only 325 acres, it is nonetheless highly delineated with incredibly diverse microclimates that make an extraordinary impact on the profile of the wines. With a strong Mediterranean influence, summers here are warm. Ancient vineyards are found mostly on steep, south-facing terraced slopes. Decomposed granite soils and stressed growing conditions greatly contribute to the quintessential quality and character of Cornas wines. Cornas AOC has strict laws. Irrigation is not permitted and maximum yields are 34 hl/ha. It is one of the few appellations in the world dedicated to Syrah. "Les Ruchets" (The Beehives) is Colombo's signature wine with his first release in 1987. It is 5.4 acres, with 90 year-old vines, 38° slope, and a yield of 17 hl/ha.

### WINEMAKING

Grapes are hand-harvested and de-stemmed. Fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks; 30-day maceration.

### AGEING

The wine is aged for two years in oak barrels.

### TASTING NOTES

"Les Ruchets" is truly a "Grand vin" powerful and complex. Aged for two years in oak barrels to release its terroir-driven profile, it offers aromas of blackberry, blackcurrant and violet, soft spices and a little pepper. The ultimate wine to enjoy dinner with friends. Sublime paired with a wild duck rubbed in spices.

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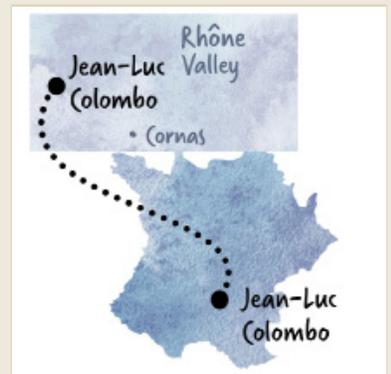


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### WINEMAKER

Jean-Luc Colombo

### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol  
14%



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