

# JEAN-LUC COLOMBO

## LA DAME DU ROUET ROSÉ 2019

### 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

Coteaux de Aix En Provence AOC, France

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

40% Syrah, 40% Cinsault, 20% Grenache

### VINTAGE NOTES & WINEMAKING

The "Blue Coast" (Côte Bleue) just west of Marseille, stands out as an exceptional isthmus of land full of small streams and rocky coves. Beloved by Jean-Luc since his childhood, he often sailed in the surrounding waters. Upon his return to shore, he always thanked the Lady of "Le Rouet" (a picturesque cove) for his safe return. The cove is named for a church that sits atop a hill on the blue coast.

Traditional "saignée" method is used. Harvested with minimal intervention, no destemming and immediate fermentation at a very cool temperature of 61° F for ten days. No malolactic fermentation to keep freshness and acidity.

This wine has been certified organic by Ecocert in the EU.

### AGEING

Refined in stainless steel tanks for three to five months at low temperatures. Minimal fining and tangential filtration.

### TASTING NOTES

This lovely rosé has fresh fruit aromas with a touch of spice. The palate is subtle yet crisp with complexity, finesse, and notes of redcurrants and raspberries complemented by some garrigue aromas of rosemary, thyme and fennel.



### WINEMAKER

Jean-Luc Colombo

### TECHNICAL DATA

pH: 3.46

Total Acidity:  
3.92 g/L H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

RS: <1.0 g/L

Alcohol  
12.6%

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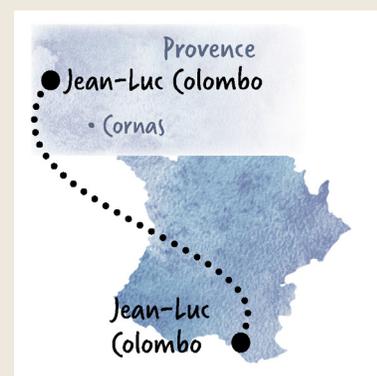
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