



# JEAN-LUC COLOMBO

## SAINT-PERAY "LA BELLE DE MAI" 2018

### 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

St. Peray AOC, France

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

60% Roussanne, 40% Marsanne

### WINEMAKING

Grapes are harvested manually and then slowly fermented in oak barrels from 10 to 12 months (10% new, 90% in one- to five-year old barrels).

### AGEING

The wine is left on the lees with a weekly stirring to extract maximum aroma for six months.

### TASTING NOTES

Beautiful golden color. An intense floral and fruity nose with notes of iris, candied fruit and fresh hazelnuts. Full-bodied palate with rich, concentrated flavors of quince, vanilla, and a slight lemon zest.

Excellent with poultry, fresh salads, grilled vegetables and a variety of appetizers.

### WINEMAKER

Laure Colombo

### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol  
14.5%

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