



# JEAN-MICHEL GERIN

## "LA LANDONNE" CÔTE-RÔTIE 2019

### BACKGROUND

Located in the heart of the Côte-Rôtie vineyards near the village of Ampuis, Domaine Jean-Michel Gerin was created in 1983 with vines inherited from his father and grandfather and they began to bottle and sell under the Jean-Michel Gerin brand.

In 1988 Gerin made his first purchase of vines in Les Grandes Places and added to his holdings in 1989, with the purchase of land on La Landonne. Today, the estate covers nearly 30 acres in the Côte-Rôtie appellation where Jean has now been joined by his two sons, Michael and Alexis.

### APPELLATION

Côte-Rôtie (Rhône Valley), France

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Syrah

### WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES

La Landonne comprises a total of 4.40 ha but despite its small size, is farmed by nine different growers (0.40 ha is owned by JM Gerin). Five of these growers bottle directly, including Guigal (2ha), Rostang, Delas & Xavier Gerard. The value of La Landonne is as great as the production is limited (\$1.5MM/ha; 150 cs/year).

30-year-old vines are grown in iron-rich soil; The terrior consists of micaschiste soil with vines that slope on the hillside at a 50% incline facing southeast.

After harvest, the grapes are destemmed and macerated for four weeks. Gerin uses native yeasts for all their wines.

### AGEING

Aged 22 months in oak barrique (30% new).

### TASTING NOTES

Finesse, balance and intensity summarize this wine. Supple tannins and aromatic complexity reminds us the beauty of this terrior.

Dark purple with potent aromas of blackberry liqueur, licorice and floral oils that are complicated by a peppery note and a hint of vanillin oak. Dense, round and seamless on the palate, showing a suave, velvety texture to its flavors of dark berry compote and cola. The long, sweet finish features impressive energy, lush tannins and an exotic floral pastille flourish.

Pairs with red meats, stuffed eggplant or strong cheeses.

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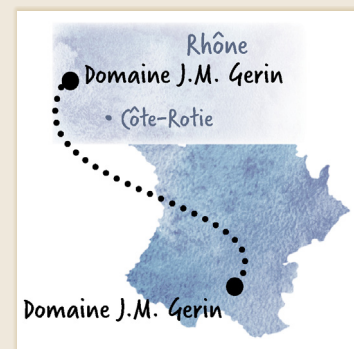
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### WINEMAKER

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### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol  
15%



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