

2011 ST JOSEPH 'LES NUELLES'

DOMAINE RICHARD
RHONE VALLEY, FRANCE



THE WINE:

Domaine Richard produced about 500 cases of this old-vine Syrah in 2011. In previous vintages the production was about 1,800 cases but the winemaker decided to create a second bottling of old-vines to showcase this old vine fruit on the property.

THE ESTATE:

Domaine Richard is located in the birthplace of Syrah, in the St. Joseph appellation. They also have three acres of Viognier clinging to the steep hillsides of Condrieu in the Northern Rhone Valley. Sustainably farmed and exceptionally low yields create fruit of high intensity and complexity. Herve and Marie Richard are the husband and wife owners, winemakers and vineyard managers of the tiny estate.

TASTING NOTES:

Color: Dark crimson-purple.

Aromas: Ripe blackberries, toasted nuts, iron ore and leather.

Flavors: Deep black fruit, tinged with pepper and subtle traces of herb. The ripe fruit is tempered by big, bold tannins that create a rustic-dry finish. Notes of coffee on the finish.

Food Pairing: Serve with venison tenderloin baked in a pastry with spinach and wild rice and a reduction sauce of shallots and the wine itself.

~Drink now through 2024~