

# Jacques Frelin Cotes du Rhone

Jacques Frelin is a central figure in French organic viticulture. His family owns Chateau du Moulin de Peyronin in Bordeaux and Domaine de Clairac in Languedoc. Jacques also sells the wines of many other organic estates in southern France and works for UNIA, the National Union of Independent Agrobiologists. His high quality wines consistently receive awards in France and the US.

Jacques took his time searching out the right Cotes du Rhone for his customers. His final choice is certified organically grown by Ecocert. The wine comes from near Valence, at the northern edge of the Cotes du Rhone appellation in southern France, close to the famous and very limited Hermitage vineyards. Red Rhones are known for easy drinkability and lively fruit. Better ones, such as this Frelin Rhone made from 100% Syrah, also have enough acidity and tannins to age a few years and offer their spicy fruit with some complexity and harmony. It is nonetheless a wine to drink relatively young, to enjoy the supple, full fruit flavors.

The nose is forward and distinctive, with hints of ripe fruits and violets. Its medium body and spicy flavors complement many light meats and appetizers as well as Mediterranean cuisine.

