



# CLUSEL-ROCH

**Year Founded:** 1989

**Region:** Verenay, Côte Rôtie, France

**Winemaker:** Guillaume Clusel

**Known For:** The Clusel family was also early believers in the advantages of organic farming, and would become pioneers of the movement within the region as they converted fully in 1990.

**-Certified Organic-**

The first time you set your eyes on the hills of Côte Rôtie, it is impossible not to be overwhelmed with their beauty. The cliff-like granite hillsides seem to have burst from the Earth with vigor and violence. Only the truly dedicated would decide to make their living there. No tractor on Earth can plow these vineyards – everything has to be painstakingly done by hand. This is the place that Domaine Clusel-Roch calls home.

Clusel Roch became one of the first growers in the region to bottle their own wine, which took place for the first time in 1969. As Rene Clusel began managing a small parcel in Les Grandes Places lieu-dit, where the oldest vines were planted in the late 1930's by his father Baptiste Clusel. However, in 1989, Clusel-Roch was officially born, named after

its owners, Gilbert Clusel and Brigitte Roch who inherited a small parcel in 1987. They began a program of massale selection in 1991. Their son, Guillaume Clusel joined the estate in 2009 after completing his studies and officially took the reins in 2021 after his parents retirement and in 2022 he partnered with Gaëlle Bonnefond, a childhood friend who started at the domaine in 2017.



## 2023 Coteaux du Lyonnais Traboules

100% Gamay, the average age of vines is 30 years old from 3.8 ha in the south of the appellation, near the communes of Millery and Orlénas. The soils are glacial moraines and some granitic areas. Viticulture & Vinification: Certified organic. Harvest and sorting is done by hand. The grapes are partially de-stemmed and put into tanks with about one third whole-cluster. Fermentation is carried out by indigenous yeasts. The extraction is very gentle. The wine is aged for 6 months in stainless steel tanks.