

Domaine Champet

France - Rhone Valley

The estate is located in the Côte Brune in the lieu-dit La Viallière. Romain and Maxime Champet represent the 4th generation of winemakers in the family. They inherited from their father Joël (3rd generation) who inherited from his father Emile, who obtained the land from his father as well.

The vines are in the famous La Viallière site, marked by its fine, mica-rich schist soil and steep, southeast-facing slopes (50-degree angles or more). During the 1960's, La Viallière was mostly woods, but Romain & Maxime's grandfather, Emile, spent over 30 years turning this rugged area into three hectares of prime vineyard land.

Romain and Maxime farm these same 3 hectares today, which are mostly Syrah grapes (a mere 5% Viognier). Everything at Champet is done very traditionally - They don't even own a destemmer. Everything is done by hand using the same methods the family has been using for nearly 60 years. Production is about 1,000 cases per year.

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