



## Domaine Christophe Semaska **Fleur De Montlys**

AOC Côte Rôtie, France

*The history of Christophe Semaska is linked to the revival in 1988, of a great Côte Rôtie Domaine: Le Château de Montlys, a gem left untouched since the 1789 revolution. This 16th century domaine sits on a hillside facing the Rhône River, a privileged location for exploiting the vines and it remains the largest privately owned with 8 ha of terraced vineyards on the appellation. Chateau de Montlys disappeared from the tables for 70 years after the last winemaker went off to fight during WWI and the total devastation of the vineyards by phylloxera. Due to technical and economic expansion, a new winery was built in 2011 with the best equipment for vinification, maturation and cellaring. Christophe draws on all his knowledge in detail to achieve excellence with the love and the passion for his terroir to shine even brighter.*

### DETAILS

*Grapes*                      100% Syrah

*Terroir*                      Clay-limestone soil, mica typical of the Cote Brunes. Selected from parcels neighbouring Chateau de Montlys, very steep and stoney south-facing slopes.

*Vinification*              The yield is limited to 25hl/ha. Harvested just as the grapes are becoming over-ripe and vinified for 26 days in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Homogenization is achieved automatically due to the natural force of carbonic gas created during fermentatin. Matured for 30 months in new oak barrels, where the wood has been carefully selected in order to fully express the terroir and produce an exceptional wine.

*Tasting Notes*            A very deep wine with violet glints, very complex with black-currant, violet, spice and graphite aromas, finishing with good length and finesse.

