Winemaker: Julien Cecillon **Region:** Rhone Valley **Location:** Saint-Jean-de-Muzols

Les Graviers

JULIEN CECILLON

Appellation: Vin de France

Farming: Organic

Varietals: 100% Syrah

Age of the vines: Vines planted between 1975 and 2010

Vineyard/Terroir: Les Graviers is a negociant blend of Syrah from three sources in the Rhone Valley. The majority comes from the southern parts of the Drôme and Ardèche regions, and a smaller amount from vineyards around Tournon. 70% South Ardeche, 30% Northern Rhone. Soil types include granite, clay, and loess.

Vinification: 30% Whole cluster, 70% destemmed. Fermentation in stainless steel tanks with native yeast.

Elevage/Aging: Aged for 8 months; 30% aged in new barrels and the rest in concrete and stainless steel tanks.

About the winemaker:

While the Cécillon label only recently began, Julien's family has been documented making wine in Tournon for eleven generations. From their winery near Today, Julien and his wife are dedicated to producing exceptional terroir-driven wines at their small winery, which is located near Tournon, in the historic center of the Rhône Valley.

Julien Cécillon grew up in Tournon-sur-Rhône, surrounded by the maternal branch of the family that includes iconic producers such as his cousin, Bernard Faurie, and uncle Jean-Louis Grippat. After meeting Nancy Kerschen while working at a winery in California, the two decided to return to Tournon and create their own winery. Acquiring small parcels by chance, opportunity, and perseverance, Julien and Nancy have worked together with tireless focus to craft wines that establish their own reputation amongst the best producers in the Northern Rhône.