

<i>Code</i>	<i>Producer</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Region</i>
AUTVIN	Domaine Autrand	France	Rhône
<i>Varieties</i>	<i>ABV</i>	<i>Oak</i>	<i>Capsule Type</i>
Grenache, Syrah	14.5%	No	Cork



## *Background*

Christine Autrand took over this 80 hectare estate from her parents in 2002. Originally it was a mixed farm also growing olives and lavender but from the 1990s it specialised in viticulture with Syrah becoming the main grape. The main vineyards are well positioned with 20 hectares on clay and limestone planted at 150 metres, and another parcel of 40 hectares at 350 metres.

## *Winemaking*

Vinification occurs in temperature controlled stainless steel vats with automatic pumping over. The equipment used and process aims to retain the fresh fruit characters of the grapes whilst allowing the winemaker to control the environment.

## *Tasting & Pairing*

Intense red with hints of purple on appearance, expressive nose; lots of juicy black fruit and subtle spices. On the palate, the wine is concentrated and complex, with lots of blackberry and black currant present. Rounded tannins and well balanced.

Excellent with a cheeseboard or game based stews.

## *Sustainability & Extra Information*

n/a