

Domaine des Terres Falmet



Saint-Chinian

The Domaine at-a-glance

Owner/Winemaker: Yves Falmet
Soil: Very rocky, Clay-Limestone **Year Est:** 1996
Size: 25 Ha **Location:** Cebazan, Languedoc-Roussillon
Appellations Produced: Saint-Chinian



The first time we met Yves he quickly took us out to see the most important component of his wines—his vineyards. We drove down a small road into a beautiful valley and looked across at a sweeping hillside of vineyards. We asked which plots were his.

He proudly said to our amazement, “The whole hillside.” Yves owns 25 contiguous hectares of hillside vineyards. This vineyard was truly a find for Yves. It would have been almost impossible to own or buy a similar vineyard in almost any other wine region in France.

The other vigneron in the area, who sell to the local cooperative, had no interest in these steep hillside vineyards since they require so much work. But for Yves Falmet, whose family comes from the Côtes de Barre in Champagne, tending to steep hillside vineyards is just a way of life. To own an entire hillside of prime vineyard property

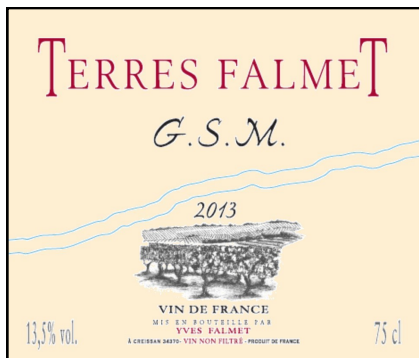
was a dream come true for Yves, and the Languedoc was the region where it became possible. Yves is a young, tall, man who thrives on the hard work required of him. He has a poetic, philosophical, and worldly approach to working his vines and making wine. Yves has learned by working as an oenologist in many different areas of the world. He worked for Marris Wines in Australia, Mantanzas Creek in California, and Neudorf Winery in New Zealand. He has quite simply learned that good wine comes from good grapes. Yves thinks it is important to step back and look at his vineyards and his wine to learn from afar. With this objectivity he will only continue to improve the quality of his already delicious wines.



Yves Falmet



Yves' hillside vineyards - late winter



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Technical Notes: The grapes for this wine are 100% hand-harvested. Yves' grapes come from a plot of vines that range from newly planted, to 80+ year old, vines grown on beautiful hillside vineyards in Saint-Chinian. The wine is vinified and aged in tank. There is no oak ageing.

About Yves' GSM: In the South of France Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre have been the principle winemaking grapes for centuries. In recent years, “New World” wine regions have re-christened this classic blend as GSM (Shorthand for Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre). Yves' vineyards are in the appellation of Saint-Chinian, and this wine is in actuality a de-classified Saint-Chinian. This wine is an experiment in trying to make Saint-Chinian, which can sometimes seem complicated, more user friendly.

Tasting Notes: Yves' GSM is a spicy, complex, red wine. First, the Grenache gives the wine its upfront, red cherry flavors, along with its black pepper spice. Next, the Syrah adds lush black fruit flavors in the mid-palette. Finally, the Mourvèdre gives the wine its structure, with its soft ripe tannins. This is not an “over the top” GSM. The hallmark for all of Yves' wines is balance, and this wine is no different. In this GSM, each grape works in harmony, to compliment the final blend.