

# 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



*Yves Falmet*

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.” He owns 25 hectares of contiguous vineyard plots with excellent exposure to the sun. This vineyard was a find. It would have been almost impossible to own or buy a similar vineyard in 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 because they require too 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' hillside vineyards in the autumn.*



100% Cinsault

### Cinsault - Vin de Pays d'Oc 2007

**Technical Notes:** The grapes for this wine are 100% hand-harvested. Yves' Cinsault comes from a plot of 50+ year old Cinsault vines planted on beautiful hillside vineyards in Saint-Chinian. The wine is vinified and aged in tank, there is no oak ageing.

**Tasting Notes:** This wine is an exceptionally rich example of Cinsault. Cinsault is best known as a blending grape and is also a common component in Southern French rosés. The 2007 Cinsault is lush with blackberry, black cherry, and blueberry fruit flavors. The delicate tannins are soft and silky. While this is an easy drinking “vin de soif”, it also has an intriguing complexity not often found in wines in this category.