

Domaine Courbis

At right, a view of the terraced Saint Joseph vineyards overlooking the Rhone river, in the communes of Chateaubourg and Glun, in the southern part of the Saint-Joseph appellation. Syrah and some Marsanne and Rousanne, for the white wine, grow here.



At left, the steep 6 hectare Saint Joseph Les Royes amphitheater, known in French as a "cirque," on the border of Cornas. The steep, south-facing, limestone-clay slope is sheltered from northerly winds, creating conditions for perfect ripening. At right, the Cornas Les Eygats site; here the soils are granite and the Syrah vines are planted on south-east facing terraces at 250 meters altitude. Slopes titling the wrong way grow grain, as seen in the foreground. The Courbis domaine owns one hectare here.