



## 1215 Wine Bar & Coffee Lab

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### Eric Texier, "Brezeme" CDR Rouge 2020

**Varietal:**

Syrah

**Region:**

Rhône Valley, France

**Farming:**

Practicing Organic

**Soil Type:**

Limestone

**Fermentation:**

Concrete

**Dry/Sweet:**

Dry

**Body:**

4/5

**Acid:**

3/5

**Tannin:**

3/5

### ABOUT THE WINE

"It is no exaggeration that Eric Texier is one of the most important people we have come to know in our 30+ years of wine importing. Not important in a boisterous or regal sense, but rather from an evolutionary perspective. People like Eric and his wife Laurence helped us discover that mutual respect, growth and friendship were possible in this line of work, that a "business relationship" could shape philosophies, world views, values and even our senses of humor! For this we are grateful. A Bordeaux native who has lived in or around Lyon since 1979, Eric is a jovial, energetic and fun-loving person who wants his wines to make their drinkers happy. But he is also a boundary pusher, endlessly questioning his own work (and, let's be honest, that of others) for the sake of moving viticulture and winemaking forward. Eric is a trailblazer, putting all the but extinct regions of Brézème and Saint Julien en Saint Alban on the map. He experiments with concepts you rarely if ever hear about elsewhere: finding acidity in Marsanne through anforas, not working the soil in favor of cover crops, "infusion" macerations, working on his own grafts, rediscovering forgotten grapes adaptable to the very real threat of climate change...Strongly opinionated, he is not afraid to ruffle feathers or call people out on their bullsheeeeet in his heavily accented but perfect English. And since Eric always backs his claims with serious research, careful thought and true care for the subject matter, you'd best think twice before writing him off. I mean, the guy used to be a nuclear engineer!" - Louis Dressner Selections, Importer

Former nuclear engineer turned Rhône Valley natural wine darling, Eric Texier, makes some of the most intriguing and interesting bottles we've ever tasted. Not every bottle has been our cup of tea per se, but we've always respected his work and more often than not we love what we taste. This cuvee, called, "Brezeme", in homage to where it's grown, is singing this year. It's dark, robust and balanced perfectly between ripe fruit, herbal and savory notes. It's a shoe-in for a holiday table friendly red, as it is structured and generous, but still retains a nice edgy acidity that makes it perfect for food pairing!

Dark and rich, this wine features flavors of black currants, plum, tobacco, chocolate and olive tapenade.

