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Saint-Joseph Lieu-Dit Rouge 2016 Saint-Joseph

ESTATE

The more you learn about the Guigal family, the more astounding becomes their story. Their wines are the benchmarks for every Rhone appellation, and over the last thirty years they have become arguably the most lauded producer in the world. Year after year the Guigal family produces wines of exceptional quality that in all classes offer exceptional value.

WINE

A result of its quality, Guigal's Saint-Joseph Lieu Dit Rouge comes from the "Saint-Joseph" vineyard that gives the appellation its name. This site convinced the Guigals to work in Saint-Joseph and help to restore the historic perception of Saint-Joseph as an appellation of utmost quality. The 100% Syrah wine has complex and deep black fruit, floral, spice and mineral characteristics. Despite its concentration and powerful attack, the wine retains the trademark elegance that Saint-Joseph offers.

VINEYARD

Soils: Guigal's Saint-Joseph Lieu Dit comes from the vineyard that gives the appellation its name, and is one of the finest sites in the Northern Rhone Valley. Guigal owns the majority of this parcel, with 14 acres in total, 60% of which is planted to red grapes and 40% to white grapes. The vines are from 20 to 75 years of age, planted on steep slopes of gneiss with streaks of granite.

Yields: 1.8 tons per acre, on average.

Grape Variety: 100% Syrah

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: Carried out at high, controlled temperatures.

Aging: 50% aged in new oak barrels and 50% in first year barrels

VINTAGE

Following the outstanding 2015 vintage, 2016 did not disappoint in the Northern Rhône. It is a brilliant expression of the terroir, and wonderfully elegant even in their youth with great intensity and ripe fruit flavors. A late spring was followed by hot weather from July through September, which promoted ripening. An Indian Summer through October ensured full maturation of fruit.



VINOUS MEDIA

"Bright purple. Powerful black/blue fruit, incense, exotic spice, olive and peony scents show excellent clarity and pick up a smoky mineral note as the wine stretches out. Sweet, seamless and expansive on the palate, offering deeply concentrated blueberry, cherry liqueur, olive, smoky bacon and spicecake flavors that are supported by a spine of juicy acidity."