

Domaine Jolivet

Saint Joseph



Bastien Jolivet worked for four years under Stéphanie Montez at Domaine du Montillet. In fact, it was Montez who prodded me to try Jolivet's own wines, which are made from his family's 23.5 hectares of vines on the granitic soils of Saint-Jean-de-Muzols. Prior to Jolivet's return home in 2013 the estate's grapes went to Cave de Tain. I was pleased to learn that Jolivet now has U.S. distribution and urge readers whose taste for northern Rhone wines runs to the elegant style to check his wines out.

-Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, April 2018

Saint-Joseph Cuvée L'Instinct 2016

TOP VALUE NEWCOMER: Earthy, savoury tapenade and thyme. Balancing acidity, nothing overdone, and a saline finish. Unforced and textured.

93 points– Decanter Magazine, May 2018

Deep brilliant ruby. A highly perfumed, complex bouquet evokes fresh black and blue fruits, candied flowers and olive, and a smoky mineral topnote lends urgency. Appealingly sweet and precise on the palate, offering concentrated boysenberry and cassis flavors that pick up a peppery, spice nuance on the back half. Shows excellent delineation and floral thrust on the clinging finish, which is framed by smooth tannins. The 2015 version of this wine is still extremely young but drinks quite nicely if you give it a couple of hours of air.

92 points– Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, April 2018

Saint-Joseph Cuvée de Louis 2016

Bright violet color. Lively and precise on the nose, displaying intense red/blue fruit and floral character, along with zesty pepper and mineral flourishes. In a vibrant style, showing very good definition to its juicy black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors. Takes a sweeter turn on the finish, which lingers with very good, gently tannic persistence. This one is pretty delicious already.

90 points– Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, April 2018