

# JOHN LIVINGSTONE-LEARMONTH

## THE CRADLE OF THE RHÔNE

### DOMAINE JOLIVET



A new name to note. Bastien Jolivet is the third generation, with his grandfather and father Alain (still active) having been members of the Cave de Tain. There are eight hectares of Saint-Joseph at Saint-Jean de Muzols, into the Doux Valley, with seven Syrah hectares and one of white vines. His first vintage was 2014. Bastien worked for over four years at Domaine du Monteillet of Stéphane Montez, as well as in New Zealand and South Africa. He is increasing the whole bunch proportion each year, and these are natural, unforced wines that reflect the fine-ness of St Jean de Muzols well.

The 2015 St Jo blanc, called Clef de Sol, was a stylish \*\*\*\* wine, as was the more structured, long 2017. The St Jo red, called L'Instinct, was a most praiseworthy \*\*\*\*(\*) wine, delivered with fine detail in 2015, and has continued with praiseworthy character into 2016 and 2017. There are also 2.5 hectares of vin de pays coming through, with some Syrah dating from 1955-56.