

Domaine Pierre Jean Villa Saint-Joseph



Saint-Joseph White Saut de l'Ange 2017

Limpid yellow. Poached pear, honeydew melon and tangerine qualities, along with chalky mineral and jasmine notes on the deeply perfumed nose. Juicy and expansive on the palate, offering seamless melon, orchard fruit and honey flavors that stealthily tighten up and take on a mineral nuance with air. Shows sharp focus and firm thrust on the clinging finish, which leaves behind dusty mineral and pear nectar notes.

92 pts– Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, March 2020

Very expressive heather and honey-suckle notes lead off, followed by a ripe and lush core of yellow apple, melon and shortbread flavors. A salted butter accent invigorates the finish. Drink now through 2023. 330 cases made, 60 cases imported.

93 pts– James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, October 15, 2019

Saint-Joseph Préface 2017

Lurid violet. Ripe cherry, blueberry and cracked pepper on the highly perfumed nose, joined by slowly emerging hints of violet and licorice. Silky, energetic and open-knit, showing very good depth to the black and blue fruit and spice flavors. A smoky nuance arrives on the penetrating, persistent finish, which features well-knit tannins and a touch of exotic spices.

91 pts– Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, March 2019

Dark plum and black cherry fruit is lined with a silky structure and backed by subtle chalky minerality. Lovely violet and tobacco hints show in the background, with sauve toast echoing. Drink now through 2028. 1,400 cases made, 300 imported

92 pts– James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, November 15, 2019

Saint-Joseph Tildé 2017

Deep, brilliant ruby. Intense dark berry, floral and olive paste scents are energized by building mineral and cracked pepper flourishes. Stains the palate with appealingly sweet black and blue fruit, floral pastille, cola and spiced flavors that show a suave blend of depth and energy. Finishes on an emphatic floral note, showing sharp definition, well-knit tannins and resonating florality. I underestimated this wine last year, perhaps because I tried and reviewed it very soon after bottling.

93 pts– Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, April 2020

Côte-Rôtie Fongeat 2017

Brilliant, youthful purple. Highly expressive aromas of ripe raspberry and boysenberry, smoky minerals, licorice and candied flowers are accompanied by exotic spice and mineral overtones. Densely packed and animated on the palate, displaying silky texture and fine delineation to the intense, mineral-drenched red and blue fruit, floral pastille and spiced flavors. Seamless and alluringly sweet on the impressively persistent finish, which features a resonating mineral quality that adds precision and final cut. As is the case with Villa's 2017 Saint-Joseph Tildé, which I also tasted last year just after it was bottled, this is showing even better now. The rewards of patience prove true, once again. From a 0.5-hectare parcel.

94 pts– Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, April 2020

Côte-Rôtie Carmina 2017

Saturated, bright-rimmed violet. An assertively perfumed bouquet displays mineral-accented black and blue fruit and wisteria scents, and olive, smoky bacon and exotic spice notes emerge with air. In a concentrated yet lively style, offering appealingly sweet, spice-laced cherry, black raspberry and candied lavender flavors that are braced by a spine of juicy acidity. Shows superb clarity and mineral thrust on an impressively long, floral-accented finish framed by fine-grained, slow-building tannins. Made from fruit grown in two parcels in the Côte Brune; 50% whole clusters.

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