



E. GUIGAL

Saint-Joseph Lieu-Dit Rouge 2015

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

Climate: When Marcel Guigal called 2015 "the vintage of a lifetime" and on par with 1929, 1947 and 1961, the anticipation while Guigal carried out their customary extended aging was almost too much to bear. From a vintage nearly as perfect as you could get, from vine dormancy right through harvest, the wines are spellbinding, with an utterly perfect balance of charm, complexity, and power.

Replenishing rain in the winter restored the water tables to supply the plants with nutrients, and then abundant sunshine and warmth helped the vines mature the berries to perfection as the generous diurnal shift maintained the acidity and freshness of the fruit. To buy, drink, age and, above all, enjoy as often as possible!



JEB DUNNUCK

"The 2015 Saint Joseph Lieu Dit Saint Joseph boasts a huge nose of black raspberry and cassis fruit intermixed with lots of spice, roasted meats, pepper, and herbs. Thick, unctuous and opulent, with clean acidity and ripe tannin, it's a blockbuster."