



Maison Les Alexandrins

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Maison Les Alexandrins Saint Joseph Blanc - 2019

AOC Saint-Joseph, Vallée du Rhône, France

DESCRIPTION

Saint Joseph was originally called “Vin de Tournon”. The monks who lived in this little village used to produce wine from the vineyard at the top of the hill behind the village.

TERROIR

The terroir in Saint Joseph is mainly composed of granite. The vineyard spreads out 40km along the right bank of the Rhône river. For our first vintage we wanted to make a balanced wine using grapes from the north of the appellation, which bring minerality and fruit, and ones from the historical centre of Saint Joseph that give more flesh to the wine. The blending makes wines with great distinction and extremely balanced.

THE VINTAGE

After a mild winter and spring, conditions were perfect when everything changed on June 15th: a hailstorm destroyed a large part of the Crozes-Hermitage vines. Then we experienced a heatwave in the summer, one of the hottest of the decade, which caused some berries to burn. Our team's efforts paid back fortunately and we managed to save part of the vineyard in great sanitary condition. And if Nature is sometimes harsh, it can also be generous. The harvest went perfectly well and although the quantities are limited, this vintage promises to be magnificent, despite a climatically and morally complicated year. The years in 9 regularly mark the memory of winegrowers and this vintage was no exception.

LOCATION

Saint Jean de Muzols, Tournon.

PROCESS

Vinified in demi-muids. Fermentation and ageing in demi-muids for 10 months.

VARIETAL

Marsanne 100%

TASTING

A pale yellow colour with beautiful shiny undertones. At first, the nose is discreet, elegant, then after opening up, the wine reveals aromas of citrus fruit and very fresh white flowers. On the palate, the wine reveals a nice tension, brought by the granite terroir, and a richness that the aging in wood has developed.

SERVING

Drink within 3-5 years. On grilled fish with a slightly lemony sauce.

