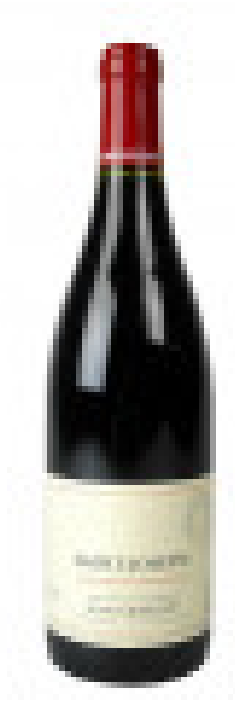


Domaine Graillet Saint-Joseph red 2018



Product price:

€162.00

Product features:

Area: NORTHERN RHONE

Winemaker: Maxime Graillet (Domaine ALAIN GRAILLOT)

Vintage: 2018

Appellation: Saint-Joseph

Color: red

Unit Price: 20-30 €

Size: 75cl

organic or not: sustainable agriculture

RVF: 89/100

Wine Advocate (Parker): 92-94/100

Cépage dominant: syrah

Alcool: 13

Product short description:

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Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Joe Czerwinski, jan. 2020) : 92-94/100. *The stunning 2018 Saint Joseph boasts fabulous floral aromas, alongside notes of cassis and blueberries. It's medium to full-bodied, silky and fine, without any suggestion of over-ripeness or jamminess. It should drink well on release and for at least a decade thereafter. **Drink date 2020-2030.***

Maxime Graillet (Alain's son) manages this superb domaine, located on the broad plains of les Chassis. Unfortunately, Graillet estimates they lost 50% of their crop in 2019 because of hail damage. Thankfully, the domaine is looking at two very good years in 2017 and 2018. "In 2018, we had exactly the same year we had in '17—the big difference was yield." While yields in '17 were 42-43 hectoliters per hectare, in 2018 they were only 34 hectoliters per hectare. "Twenty percent less—and everything has changed," said Graillet. "If you have good yields, it can mitigate the sun's effects." He describes '15 and '18 as more sunny, while '16 and '17 are more terroir driven. The Alain Graillet reds are always made with 100% whole clusters, so when young, they

often show herbal, tea-like and even ashy notes from the stems. Those same stems also impart a texture that I find compelling in these wines, particularly with a few years of age.