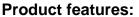
Domaine Stephane Ogier Saint-Joseph "Le Passage" red 2018 MAGNUM

Product price:

€141.00





Area: NORTHERN RHONE Winemaker: Stéphane Ogier

Vintage: 2018

Appellation: Saint-Joseph

Color: red

Unit Price: 30-50 €

Size: 150cl

organic or not: sustainable agriculture

Cuvee: Le Passage

Wine Advocate (Parker): 90-92/100

Cépage dominant: syrah

Alcool: 14,5

Product short description:

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Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Joe Czerwinski, déc. 2019): 90-92/100. Sourced largely from Malleval, Ogier's 2018 Saint Joseph le Passage features classic Syrah elements of asphalt, black olive, black pepper and blackberries. Medium to full-bodied, it boasts silky tannins but also a certain amount of muscle and intensity under that soft exterior. At 30% new oak (the highest proportion of new oak in any red wine in the cellar this year), the oak isn't obtrusive at all, blending seamlessly into the fruit. **Drink date 2021-2030**.

My visit to Domaine Stéphane Ogier occurred the week before many of the 2017s were to be bottled, giving a good view of the wines before they went through the trauma of bottling and (potentially) shut down. It's a vintage that Ogier likes. "We can feel it's a warm year like 2009, but

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we don't have the powerful tannins like in 2015. Seventeen was more balanced in terms of weather.... It's in the style of 2016 but more charming, more finesse, with a step up in terms of density and intensity over '16." As Ogier owns numerous parcels across the entire slope of Côte Rôtie, barrel-tasting here is challenging but fun and instructive, with Ogier bouncing from barrel to barrel, climbing high into the stacks to pull various samples from his different lieux-dits. The oak seems toned down in recent years, or perhaps the fruit is more assertive. "We could say God is with us the last four years," said Ogier.

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