



E. GUIGAL



Ermitage Ex Voto Blanc 2015

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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

Ermitage Ex-Voto represents the fulfillment of a longtime dream of Marcel Guigal's to own vineyard land on the hill of Hermitage. Through the purchase of the de Vallouit and J. L. Grippat domains in 2000, Guigal acquired four exceptional vineyard parcels on this legendary site. The 2001 vintage was the first release of this estate-bottled Hermitage red and white. The quality of the intense old-vine fruit is quite special, but given the Guigal's already strong work in Hermitage, they decided to only release an Ex-Voto red or white when the wine is utterly exceptional and clearly superior to their appellation bottlings.

VINEYARD

Soils: The white comes from two parcels, les Murets (90%), a parcel with alluvial and rocky topsoils, and L'Hermitte (10%), with a loess and sandy limestone topsoil.
Grape Varieties: Marsanne 90%, Roussanne 10%

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: The wine is vinified in and spends 30 months in new oak casks produced by the Guigals at Chateau d'Ampuis. It goes fully through both alcoholic and malolactic fermentation in barrel, and is bottled without fining or filtration.

VINTAGE

Climate: Described by the Guigals as the "vintage of a lifetime," which brought heat and drought, without the downside as nights were cool, maintaining acidity, and rains well-timed for ideal ripening.
Vineyard Work: Expert harvest work yielded a wine that is a true reflection of the terroir, with aromatic intensity and a lot of richness and depth on the palate.



JEB DUNNUCK

"The 2015 Hermitage Ex Voto Blanc is certainly in the same league as the 2009 and 2010, and it's going to be interesting to compare these vintages over the coming 2-3+ decades. The 2015 has all the hallmarks of a great vintage with its huge bouquet of quince, toasted almonds, brioche, liquid rocks, and honeysuckle as well as touch of licorice. Sensationally concentrated, opulent, and multi-dimensional on the palate, it has bright acidity and an awesome sense of minerality that keep the wine chiseled and focused on the palate. It has the structure of a red wine and will keep for 4-5 decades. Bravo!"