



E. GUIGAL



Ermitage Ex Voto Rouge 2013

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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 grapes come from four steep-sloped vineyards: Bessards (30%), Greffieux (30%), L'Hermite (20%), and Murets (20%). The vines at these sites average 50-90 years in age, and the soil types range from clay to granite to alluvial.

Yields: 35 Hl/hectare.

Grape Variety: 100% Syrah

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: The 100% Syrah wine undergoes a 4-week maceration and pump-overs, followed by extended barrel aging

Aging: 40 months in new French oak. The wine is bottled without fining or filtration, creating a wine that represents the pinnacle of the appellation, with exceptional concentration and great potential longevity.

Alcohol: 14%

VINTAGE

Climate: The 2013 harvest season wasn't without its challenges, prompted by an unusually high volume of humidity at the start of summer. Rain at the end of the season also prompted an earlier harvest than usual with lower yields, but one that yielded fruit with bright notes and elegant structure.



WINE ADVOCATE

"The 2013 Hermitage Ex Voto is a great effort given the vintage. It shows all the classic elements of the appellation, from complex notes of leather, meat and spice to crushed stone and grilled plums. Already approachable, this medium to full-bodied wine shows silky tannins and crisp acids on the long finish."