



E. GUIGAL

Saint-Joseph Blanc 2016

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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

The Guigal family owns some of the most hallowed vineyards in the Rhône Valley and the world and makes some of the most sought-after wines in the world. Yet you are undoubtedly more likely to spend time with them speaking about their Côtes du Rhône Rouge. Given that this particular wine can be the introduction to the entire Rhône Valley for a drinker, as well as the position the Guigals occupy in the Rhône Valley, it is not enough for the Guigals to make a good Côtes du Rhône, they are relentlessly driven to produce a distinctive and outstanding wine that drives interest in exploring the Rhône.

VINEYARD

Soils: Sedimentary, limestone and granite soils, with many pebbles and alluvial deposits.
Yields: average yield around 2.1 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 35 years.
Grape Varieties: 50% Syrah, 40% Grenache and 10% Mourvèdre.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: in stainless steel, punching down twice a day for good extraction
Aging: 18 months to 2 years before release, partly in foudre and partly in stainless steel.
This expensive process results in a wine of unusual complexity, with a substantial and generous palate.

VINTAGE

Climate: The best overall year in the Southern Rhône Valley since 2010, with good quantities of healthy fruit, ample ripeness
Vineyard Work: managing the long, hot season- and many pockets where the wines go beyond good to very good and outstanding.



JEB DUNNUCK

"The 2016 Saint Joseph Blanc offers terrific notes of white flowers, citrus, and orange blossom, with a medium-bodied, fresh, clean, nicely balanced style. Like all the 2016s here, it's fresh, crisp, and lively."