

GABRIEL MEFFRE

Saint Joseph "Saint Etienne"

2018

"“The 2018 Saint Joseph Saint Etienne has a classic bouquet of dark (almost blue) fruits, scorched earth, toasted spice, and violets. Nicely texture, medium-bodied, relatively forward and charming, it still has plenty of underlying structure.” Jeb Dunnuck (12/12/2019)"



AWARDS

91 pts Jeb Dunnuck

Vintage

2018 was atypical in many ways. This vintage required a constant presence from the vineyards to the cellar. After a mild Winter, the wet and rainy Spring gave way to a beautiful Summer, favoring a perfect growth of the grapes. September then ushered in an Indian Summer that proved to be more than ideal for harvests with cool nights and warm & sunny days. The grapes were harvested for a total of 8 weeks at optimal maturity and under ideal climatic conditons. The result is an elegant vintage with a particularly aromatic profile and a superbe balance.

Grape varieties

100% Syrah

Terroir

The St Joseph appellation is over 50 km long, with steep, terraced vineyards stretching along the right bank of the Rhône River, between Condrieu in the north and St Peray in the south. St Joseph is produced almost entirely from the Syrah grape, grown in light soils of schist and gneiss on granitic bedrock.

Winemaking

Carefully sorted upon arrival at the winery, the grapes are then lightly crushed and destemmed. Alcoholic fermentation lasted about 3 weeks followed by a racking and the malolactic fermention. Matured in vats for 6 months prior to bottling.
Vegan Wine

Service & food pairing suggestions

This Saint-Joseph pairs nicely with grilled or roasted meats (rib of beef), or pigeon with peas.
Enjoy now or up to 7/8 years of age.

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L'abus d'alcool est dangereux pour la santé, à consommer avec modération. Déconseillé aux femmes enceintes.