



Above: The Guigal family spent nearly 15 years restoring Chateau d'Ampuis, the iconic 11th century property perched on the banks of the Rhône river. For generations, the building has remained a symbol of the region and of the world-renowned vineyards which surround it.

## Saint-Joseph Lieu Dit Rouge 2020

Saint-Joseph, France

### ESTATE

The more you learn about the Guigal family, the more astounding their story becomes. Their wines are the benchmarks for every Rhône 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

A result of its quality, Guigal's Saint-Joseph Lieu Dit Rouge comes from the "Saint-Joseph" vineyard that gives the appellation its name. Guigal owns the majority of this parcel, with 14 acres in total, 60% of which is planted to red grapes and 40% to white grapes. This site convinced the Guigals to work in Saint-Joseph and help to restore the historic perception of Saint-Joseph as an appellation of utmost quality. The 100% Syrah wine has complex and deep black fruit, floral, spice and mineral characteristics. Despite its concentration and powerful attack, the wine retains the trademark elegance that Saint-Joseph offers.

### VINEYARD

*Soils:* Steep sloped vineyards of gneiss containing streaks of granite.

*Yields:* Average of 1.8 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 20 to 75 years.

### WINEMAKING

*Grape Varieties:* 100% Syrah

*Fermentation:* Carried out at high, controlled temperatures

*Aging:* 50% aged in new oak barrels and 50% in first year barrels.

*Alcohol:* 14.5%

### VINTAGE

2020 was another drought year in the Northern Rhône, with a warmer than average winter and early budbreak, and despite some rain during this time, the rainfall total for the North was the lowest in 30 or more years. The heat continued through the summer, but without the spikes seen in 2019, and the maturation and development of the crop was even, if rather early.



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### JEB DUNNUCK

"The 2020 Saint Joseph Lieu-Dit Saint Joseph brings things up a considerable notch, with rocking levels of darker fruits, iron, and smoked meats on the nose. It's full-bodied, has fine tannins, and remarkable balance."  
- J.D., 2/2022

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