



# E. GUIGAL

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 Vignes de l'Hospice 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

Guigal's Vignes de l'Hospice is one of the finest sites in the Northern Rhone Valley. This steeply terraced vineyard used to be divided into three, but Guigal now owns the majority of this parcel in order to restore the perception of Saint-Joseph as an appellation of utmost quality. In fact, Guigal is often asked when they will produce a fourth "LaLa," and their response is that their fourth single vineyard phenomenon of the Northern Rhone is already being produced: the Vignes de l'Hospice.

### VINEYARD

*Soils:* Steep vineyards on a granite slope

*Yields:* Average of 1.3 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 20 to 80 years

### WINEMAKING

*Grape Varieties:* 100% Syrah

*Fermentation:* Guigal vinifies this 100% Syrah wine in the same fashion as their Côte Rôtie crus and Ermitage Ex-Voto, in stainless steel temperature controlled vats with traditional pumpovers.

*Aging:* 30 months in 100% new oak barrels, clarified by racking only, and bottled unfiltered

*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.

## JEB DUNNUCK

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"The 2020 Saint Joseph Vignes De L'Hospice [...] It's more Hermitage-like, with cooler notes of cassis, graphite, and burning embers that develop with time in the glass. This concentrated, deep purple-hued beauty has a great mid-palate and enough structure to warrant a solid 7-8 years of bottle age. It will have over two decades of longevity and is a true "wow" wine." - J.D 12/22

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