

Jean Louis Chave Selections

Whites

St Joseph Blanc Circa 2015 - \$45

Hermitage Blanc Blanche 2013 - \$79

Reds

Cotes Du Rhone Mon Coeur 2015 - \$36

St Joseph Offerus 2014 - \$44

Hermitage Farconnet 2013 - \$79

Domaine Jean Louis Chave Hermitage & Hermitage Blanc 2014

St Joseph 2014 \$88 per bottle

The 2014 St Joseph Domaine is a wine readers should buy by the case. It's not going to be the longest-lived St Joseph out there, but it's absolutely loaded with character. I was able to drink a bottle of this over lunch and it's one of those bottles that's always the first to be emptied. Ripe, polished and sexy, with medium-bodied richness, it has perfumed notes of dark fruits, graphite, crushed flowers and spice in an ethereally textured, seamless package. Drink bottles through 2024.

WA 92 drink now

Hermitage Rouge 2014 \$256 per bottle

Looking at the 2014 reds, the 2014 Hermitage is resting as a final blend and is scheduled to be bottled early next year. It has a serious floral character as well as the classic minerality imparted from the Bessards lieu-dit (which makes up the bulk of the cuvée), gorgeous depth of fruit, medium to full-bodied richness and fine, polished tannin. Like most 2014s, it will be approachable at an early age, but this beauty has class and will evolve gracefully.

WA 94-96pts

Hermitage Blanc 2014 \$258 per bottle

Chave continues to make a full-throttle, concentrated and unctuous Hermitage Blanc, and refuses to buy into the ridiculous trend toward making Sauvignon Blanc-like whites from this tiny, magical terroir. God bless him for that and there are few whites I'd rather drink than a mature Hermitage Blanc from this genius winemaker. Jean-Louis called 2014 a good year for the whites, and his 2014 Hermitage Blanc had just been bottled a month prior to my tasting. It has terrific minerality as well as classic stone fruits, buttered citrus, honeysuckle and crushed rock, full-bodied richness and an elegant, fresh, pure style. It will have two decades of longevity.

WA 95 drink now-2036

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