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Domaine Jean-Louis Chave

2017 Saint-Joseph Le Clos

Northern Rhône, France

December 2018

Score: 92-94 Points

The only single vineyard released last year (Jean-Louis could easily release a cuvée from each of his vineyards as they're so singular), the 2017 Saint Joseph Le Clos will be the third vintage from this larger site that spans the whole length of the hillside, with some of the oldest vines being down on the lower plain around the Le Clos de l'Arbalestrier estate in Mauve. This is a ripe, sexy, yet elegant style of Saint Joseph that has sensational notes of kirsch and blackberry fruits, loads of flowery incense, spice, and tapenade nuances, medium to full body, and sweet, sweet tannins. Drink it on release and over the following 7-8 years (or more if you're so inclined). (JD)

