

Decanter

Jean-Louis Chave

2017 Hermitage Blanc

Rhône Valley, France

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Jean-Louis' 2017 white Hermitage is a rich, almost buttered style with considerable fat and an opulent texture, but remains fresh. A tasting of four component parts - Péléal, Rocoules clay, Rocoules limestone and L'Ermitage - shows an unusually rich and lush style. The Ermitage component does however have a straight, lean, rising floral style to counterbalance the riper, rounder Péléal. Luxurious and cosy rather than focussed and dynamic. **(MW, 97 points)**