



Domaine J.L. Chave

2018 Saint-Joseph Clos Florentin

Rhône, France

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Tasted in components. #1: high-pitched red and blue fruit aromas and flavors take on floral and exotic spice notes with air. Juicy and precise, with no excess fat and strong back-end punch. #2: bitter cherry and blackberry qualities show very good depth. Licorice and sweet cola notes linger on a long, chewy finish. #3: assertive black raspberry, candied violet, olive and cracked pepper character. Densely packed yet nervy, with lingering floral and mineral notes and gentle tannic grip. There's a lot of fresh fruit here, which I suspect will give the final wine plenty of upfront appeal, but I'll bet that it's balanced to age. (94-95 points)

