



JEAN-LOUIS CHAVE

Hermitage Rouge

Rhône 2012

December, 2013

Score: 17.5/20 Points

I was first presented with a wine from the granite and gravel Clos Florentin south of Mauves bought in 2009 which Jean-Louis still wasn't certain would be bottled separately ('I need to be very, very sure it is good enough', says JLC). Deep crimson with great life and zest. Still quite chewy and lots of distinction. I then tasted the wine from Dardouille north of Mauves on granite and clay which was extremely powerful with lots of straightforward fruit. It almost tasted rudely healthy! The final sample was from Bachasson with its decomposed granite on iron which managed to be both leathery and reminiscent of rose petals. He is clearly putting an enormous amount of effort into his St-Joseph. – JR