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## Domaine Jean-Louis Chave

### Hermitage Blanc 2009

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# 99 Points

A Marsanne Dry White Table wine from Hermitage, Northern Rhone, France

The bottled 2009 Hermitage Blanc is one of the greatest whites ever made chez Chave, and that's saying something given Chave's track record. This spectacular wine, normally a blend of 80% Marsanne and 20% Roussanne, exhibits layers of concentration, superb acidity and minerality, laser-like focus, and plenty of quince, white currant, citrus oil, honeysuckle, anise, white peach and apricot marmalade notes. This significant, full-bodied, dry white Hermitage should age for 30-50 years. However, given the vintage's flamboyance, it will be drinkable early in life.

Adding to their acreage in St.-Joseph, the Chaves purchased the famous Clos Florentin Vineyard a few years ago. I suspect they will make a single vineyard wine from this site in the future.

  
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