

JEAN-LOUIS CHAVE

Hermitage 2018





96 POINTS

A tasting of five lieux-dits points to a ripe, rich, dark-fruited vintage with high but not unbalanced alcohol. This is opulent with liqueur fruits and deep concentration. It's very ripe, but shows no raisined or jammy character, and has remarkably freshness considering its opulence. 2018 is all about ripeness, says Jean-Louis Chave. Picking the fruit promptly was important; 'We had to pick on a Sunday - and we've never picked on a Sunday before.' He reduced the maceration time this year and avoided punching down completely to avoid over-extraction.



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