

Domaine Hugo & Pauline Villa Saint Joseph



Syrah “Histoire de Gosses” 2023

Hugo and Pauline Villa are Pierre-Jean Villa’s children. They aim to make wines a bit more immediately accessible than those of their father, in a style they like to call “bistro wines”. Their Histoire de Gosses bottling hails from a parcel of vines in the village of Saint-Julien-en-Saint-Alban in the southern end of the northern Rhône, where Eric Texier has done such superb pioneering. These syrah vines were planted in the decade of the 1970s and Hugo and Pauline raise the wine primarily in used demi-muids for one year prior to bottling. The wine offers up an already expressive bouquet of cassis, black raspberries, smoked meats, a fine base of soil, pepper and a topnote of bonfire. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a fine core, good soil signature and grip, moderate tannins and lovely length and grip on the nicely balanced finish. This is made for early drinking, but has impressive depth and length and will have no difficulties also aging well. 2025-2035+.

89 pts-John Gilman, View from the Cellar, September-October 2025