

# Domaine Hugo & Pauline Villa Saint Joseph

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## Crozes-Hermitage 2023

*Salted, dried plum and juicy, bitter cherry show delicious concentration and vibrant energy, too. Creamy bacon fat and dried lavender add to the complexity, while grilled applewood smoke sits nicely in the backdrop, letting fruity purity and terroir shine through. Good density, ripeness and savory length. Drink now through 2030. 1,000 cases imported.*

**93 pts**-Wine Spectator, November 2025

*Hugo and Pauline Villa make their Crozes-Hermitage from purchased grapes. But, the parcel they buy the fruit from actually lies right next to their father's own vines in Crozes! The Villas destem the bunches for this wine, ferment it with native yeasts and raise it for one year in older oak foudres. The wine tips the scales at a svelte 12.5 percent alcohol in 2023 and offers up a deep and complex bouquet of cassis, black raspberries, pepper, black olive, smoked meats, a bit of black tea and a topnote of distant bonfire. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a lovely core, moderate tannins, excellent balance and grip and a long, classy finish. This is again made in a more accessible style, but has the stuffing to also age very well indeed. Impressive juice fashioned in a very elegant style. 2025-2045.*

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