

Domaine Pierre-Jean Villa

Saint Joseph



Saint-Joseph “Préface” 2023

The 2023 Saint-Joseph “Préface” from Pierre-Jean Villa hails from vineyard parcels in the northern part of the appellation. Typically, Pierre-Jean will retain about a third of whole clusters for this bottling, targeting his parcels planted to old vine Sérine. It is raised for just over a year in older oak, in a mix of Burgundy casks and demi-muids. The wine tips the scales at an even thirteen percent alcohol and reveals a superb aromatic constellation of cassis, coffee bean, pepper, grilled meats, woodsmoke, granitic soil tones and a lovely touch of whole clusters in the upper register. On the palate the wine is deep, complex and full-bodied, with superb depth of fruit at the core, excellent soil signature and grip, ripe, buried tannins and impeccable balance on the long and very promising finish. This is a properly structured young Saint-Joseph and will demand some cellaring time before it starts to drink with generosity, but it is going to be a superb example for many decades. 2033-2075+.

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

Saint-Joseph “Préface” 2020

Brilliant ruby. Aromas of ripe red and blue fruits, exotic spices and potpourri, along with a subtle mineral nuance. Juicy and energetic in style, displaying sweet black raspberry, cherry and salty olive flavors that are complemented by hints of black pepper and candied violet. The floral and spice notes carry through a long, focused finish that features harmonious tannins and a hint of bitter chocolate.

92 pts- Josh Reynolds, Vinous, December 2022