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# 2018 ALAIN JAUME La Butte d'Or Saint Joseph France – Rhône Valley – Saint Joseph AOC

#### ABOUT VIGNOBLES ALAIN JAUME / DOMAINE GRAND VENEUR

Located in the Orange commune of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the Jaume family has been dedicated to the art of wine growing since 1826. Since 1979, the domaine has been run by 5<sup>th</sup> generation Alain Jaume, who is now helped by his children Christophe, Sébastien, and Hélène. The 225-acre estate covers several AOCs and 13 grape types. The Grand Veneur and Clos de Sixte vineyards are certified organic.

#### ABOUT THE WINE

La Butte d'Or Saint Joseph is sourced from vineyards in the southern part of the appellation, where granite and marl soils dominate. The hillside vineyards enjoy an east and southeast exposure.

On the nose, this wine reveals aromas of pepper and jammy red fruits. In the mouth, it is balanced, ample and intense, offering beautiful tannins on the long-lasting finish. A wine of character that can be cellared up to 8 years.

## RATINGS

### 92 PTS Vinous

"Opaque ruby. Aromas of ripe dark berries, licorice and candied flowers take on a smoky mineral aspect with aeration. Silky, fresh and round on the palate, offering sweet blueberry, cherry and spicecake flavors that open up slowly through the back half. Youthfully firm tannins add grip to a very long, smoke- and spice-tinged finish that strongly echoes the blue fruit and spice notes. (made with de-stemmed fruit and raised in oak barrels, 10% of them new) - Josh Raynolds"

Appellation	Saint Joseph AOC
Varietal(s)	100% Syrah
Vinification	Manual harvest. Total destemming. Cold pre-fermentation maceration 5-6 days. Aged in oak barrels (10% new oak).
Soil Type	Granite & marl
Agricultural Practices	Sustainable
Size	12/750ml
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