

Château Saint-Jean

Plan de Dieu



VINTAGE	2013
REGION	Rhône Valley
APPELLATION	Côtes du Rhône Villages
VARIETAL	65% Grenache 24% Syrah 11% Mourvèdre
TERROIR	Rolling stones on 120m, from the tertiary period & alluvions
INFO	140 Ha (345.94 Acres) total vineyard & 30 Ha (74.13 Acres) devoted Plan de Dieu 40 year old vines on average Hand harvested - 6 months aging in concrete vats & 6 months aging in bottles before being released Sustainable Agriculture Practices

About the Estate:

Located in the Travaillan commune to the east of Orange in the Southern Rhône, Château Saint Jean vineyard covers the vast plateau of Plan de Dieu. Reputation as a wine-growing area goes back to Roman times, though intensive bombing and mining of the area during WWII set production back considerably. Then the Plan de Dieu appellation (only producing Red wines) was awarded Cotes du Rhône Villages status in 2005 and - nestled in amongst the great communes of the area (Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas and Vacqueyras) – it is a great Appellation on the up!

This estate belonged to the Sérignan lords until the revolution. Bought in 1946 by the much respected MEFFRE Family, Château SAINT-JEAN originally covered 60 hectares and was expanded to its current size by clearing and planting another 80 hectares.

It is now passionately run by the young Francois MEFFRE, producing very attractive wines full bodied, with intense red berry flavors and herbal aromas reminiscent of the surrounding 'garrigue', but remaining fresh and serious! From the 1st vintage we suggested.. it became a hit & best seller!

Francois MEFFRE kindly welcome me for a large and interesting tasting end of February, every year, to share advices on each tank per grapes and several plots, before the final blending.

Tasting Notes:

We all wish the same sappy, so tasty and caressing fell Ch. St. JEAN Plan de Dieu; we have even more with the 2013. Tender and crunchy nose starting on licorice. Deep palate, with a touch more masculin hints and Syrah « influence », darker fruits, spices and just enough garrigues notes.

Press Review:

« A charming, open style, with cherry preserve and warm plum sauce flavors carried by a caressing vanilla edge through the finish. » - JM, Wine Spectator, Web Only 2015