



The Guigal family spent nearly 15 years restoring Chateau d'Ampuis, the iconic 11th century property perched on the banks of the Rhône river. For generations, the building has remained a symbol of the region and of the world-renowned vineyards which surround it.

Ermitage Ex Voto Blanc 2020

Hermitage, France



ESTATE

The more you learn about the Guigal family, the more astounding their story becomes. Their wines are the benchmarks for every Rhône appellation, and over the last thirty years they have become arguably the most lauded producer in the world. Year after year the Guigal family produces wines of exceptional quality that in all classes offer exceptional value.

WINE

Ermitage Ex-Voto represents the fulfillment of a longtime dream of Marcel Guigal's to own vineyard land on the hill of Hermitage. Through the purchase of the de Vallouit and J. L. Grippat domaines in 2000, Guigal acquired four exceptional vineyard parcels on this legendary site. The 2001 vintage was the first release of this estate-bottled Hermitage red and white. The quality of the intense old-vine fruit is quite special, but given the Guigal's already strong work in Hermitage, they decided to only release an Ex-Voto red or white when the wine is utterly exceptional and clearly superior to their appellation bottlings.

VINEYARD

Soils: The white comes from two parcels, les Murets (90%), a parcel with alluvial and rocky topsoils, and L'Hermitage (10%), with a loess and sandy limestone topsoil.

Yields: 39 Hl/hectare.

WINEMAKING

Grape Varieties: Marsanne 90%, Roussanne 10%

Fermentation: Grape are hand harvested before undergoing a vinification exclusively in new oak barrels, with 100% of the wine undergoing malolactic fermentation

Aging: 30 months in new French oak. The wine is bottled without fining or filtration, creating a wine that represents the pinnacle of the appellation, with exceptional concentration and great potential longevity.

Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE

2020 was another drought year in the Northern Rhône, with a warmer than average winter and early budbreak, and despite some rain during this time, the rainfall total for the North was the lowest in 30 or more years. The heat continued through the summer, but without the spikes seen in 2019, and the maturation and development of the crop was even, if rather early.

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"Showing tight and focused, the 2020 Ermitage Ex Voto Blanc has full-bodied aromas and flavors of peach and quince as well as flowers and chalky minerality. It's more streamlined and elegant than some past vintages, yet it's going to put on some weight over the course of its élevage." - JD 12.22