

JL CHAVE SELECTION
Crozes-Hermitage Silene
 2017

	Product code	764955
	Format	12x750ml
	Listing type	Open
	Country	France
	Regulated designation	Appellation origine controlée (AOC)
	Region	Rhône Valley
	Subregion	Northern Rhone
	Appellation	Crozes-Hermitage
	Varietal(s)	Syrah
	Color	Red
	Closure type	Cork

ABOUT THIS WINERY

The Chave family have been vigneron in the Rhône valley since 1481 - an astonishing 16 generations. Today Chave Hermitage Rouge and Hermitage Blanc are generally regarded as the appellation's greatest wines. Jean Louis has also begun producing négociant wines under the name JL Chave Selections. The wines provide enlightening insights into the talent who Robert Parker calls one of "the planet's greatest winemakers".

TASTING NOTES

The granite soil produces a wine with more backbone and structure. The idea behind this Crozes is to balance the fruit of Syrah without compromising the tightness given by the granite.

VITICULTURAL NOTES

The vineyards for Silène are hillside vineyards located in Larnage and Gervans. It is rare for Crozes to come from hillside granitic soil as most Crozes is situated on the alluvial valley floor. 50% of the Crozes comes from a parcel of young vines planted in 2003 and owned by Domaine Jean Louis Chave. The parcel sits on a beautiful terroir on the rear east-facing flank of the Hermitage hill.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes are vinified at the Domaine using indigenous yeasts and aged for 18 months in 600 liter oak casks. The result is a wine of balance and pleasure that is a great introduction to Crozes.



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