



Domaine J.L. Chave

2019 Saint-Joseph

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Tasted in components. #1, from 18-year-old vines in Chaillets: smoke-accented cherry and blackberry qualities, plus a suggestion of licorice. Silky and open-knit, offering juicy dark berry flavors that deepen on the back half. Round tannins come in late. #2, from Dardouille: deeper and more brooding than the Chaillets, showing an array of black and blue fruit and floral qualities and a touch of smoky bacon. Very long and penetrating, with the floral note repeating strongly. #3, from Baschesson: Very suave and highly perfumed, showing intense dark berry, floral and spice character and a vibrant mineral underpinning. The floral note repeats emphatically on the back end and fine-grained tannins lend gentle grip. The ultimate rendition of this wine should be rich yet energetic, with pronounced floral character; it's shaping up to be quite a formidable wine and it should be (compared to many an Hermitage) a solid value if you can find it. (93-95 points)

