



2015 Hermitage “Chante Alouette” Blanc

The highly sought-after appellation of Hermitage is named after the tiny chapel at its highest point (once home to hermits). Most do not realize Hermitage is comprised of just a few hilltops with very dense terroir. Steep southerly facing terraces with unique microclimates drive rich complexity in the wines. In Hermitage, Marsanne is able to make some of the world's top and most long-lived whites.

Appellation: Hermitage

Soil: The grapes producing this wine come from three different vineyards: “Le Méal,” with old fluvio-glacial alluvial deposit soil with numerous shingles; “Les Murets,” with soils consisting of granitic arena and alluvial deposits; “Chante-Alouette,” set on loess soil with a fine layer of clay and limestone.

Varietals: 100% Marsanne

Color: Brilliant golden green

Aroma: Complex and subtle aromas of quince, walnut, honey, ginger and acacia with a hint of lime blossom.

Taste: A powerful wine with a distinct finish of almond. Very elegant with good length.

Fermentation: Hand harvesting at maturity. After pressuring, the must is cold racked for 48 hours. One third of the wine is vinified in new casks, the rest in stainless steel vats. The temperature of fermentation is regulated to develop the aromatic complexity of the wines.

Aging: Matured 10-12 months after malolactic fermentation occurs.

Features

- Chante Alouette comes from world class vineyards at the top of the iconic Hermitage Hill.
- M. Chapoutier wines consistently receive high scores and accolades.
- The winery strictly employs biodynamic farming in all 370 acres in every key appellation of the Rhône Valley.

Benefits

- Collectors and restaurant buyers will recognize the quality indicators ensured by Michel Chapoutier’s terroir-driven approach to winemaking.
- Third party endorsements encourage and validate consumers’ investment.
- Biodynamic and organic wines, like Chante Alouette, appeal to environmentally conscious consumers that become brand loyalists.

Competitive Set

- Guigal
- Jabloutet
- JL Chave

