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M. Chapoutier Hermitage Monier de la Sizeranne is a flagship wine of the Rhône Valley, offering a rich and nuanced expression of Syrah from one of the region's most esteemed appellations.



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Hermitage Monier de la Sizeranne 2020

Northern Rhône, France

Region and Vineyards

Monier de la Sizeranne originates from the prestigious **Hermitage appellation** in the Northern Rhône, where the vineyards stretch across diverse terroirs. The wine is crafted from a blend of three key parcels:

- **Les Bessards:** Known for its granite soils, contributing to the wine's minerality and structure.
- **Le Méal:** Featuring sandy limestone and clay, adding body and richness.
- **Les Greffieux:** Composed of alluvial soils, providing balance and aromatic complexity.

These plots benefit from a **continental climate** with warm days and cool nights, ideal for producing Syrah with intense flavors and balanced acidity.

Winemaking

The grapes for **Monier de la Sizeranne** are **hand-harvested** at optimal ripeness. After harvest, the grapes are **fully destemmed** and undergo fermentation in **concrete tanks**. Indigenous yeasts are used to allow the terroir to shine, and the fermentation process is closely monitored with daily tastings.

The wine undergoes **4 to 5 weeks of maceration**, with regular **punching down and pumping over** to achieve optimal extraction of color and tannins. The malolactic fermentation occurs in barrels, softening the wine and enhancing its texture. It is then aged for **18 months**, with **85% of the wine in oak barrels** to develop complexity and **15% in concrete tanks** to preserve its freshness and minerality.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep garnet red with vibrant purplish highlights.
- **Aroma:** Aromatic complexity with notes of **red fruits** like raspberry and blackcurrant, enhanced by a touch of **liquorice**.
- **Palate:** A round and elegant entry, with **concentrated yet supple tannins**. Flavors of blackcurrant, raspberry, and **peppery spice** dominate, leading to a refined and balanced finish.
- **Ageing Potential:** 10 to 15 years.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Syrah



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Did you know?

The name **Monier de la Sizeranne** honors an influential family from Tain-l'Hermitage. Maurice Monier de la Sizeranne, one of the family's notable members, developed an early version of Braille, which is why M. Chapoutier includes Braille on its labels. The wine's label features a lion, the crest of the Sizeranne family, symbolizing its proud heritage.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Venison Fillet with Red Wine Sauce:** The wine's spicy and fruity profile complements the richness of game meat.
- **Roast Beef with Thyme and Garlic:** The robust tannins and earthy notes balance the savory flavors of the roast.
- **Saint-Félicien Cheese:** This creamy, ripe cheese pairs beautifully with the wine's supple texture and red fruit flavors.
- **Grilled Lamb Chops with Rosemary:** The herbaceous and smoky flavors of lamb highlight the wine's complexity and spice.

James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2020)



An excellent Hermitage with the imposing structure we expect from this appellation, but also excellent balance. Stacks of elderberry and pepper, and also a touch of leather. So much depth and expression, but not a jot overbearing or heavy. In spite of the serious tannins at the finish there are wonderful flashes of red and black berry fruit. From blocks with granitic and sedimentary soils. Some whole bunch. From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification. Drinkable now, but best from 2025.

Wine Spectator (WS) : 94 Points (2020)



This meaty, rich, polished Hermitage is intense and focused, showing serious tension between the plum, grilled cherry and smoking incense notes and the mounting mineral energy. This wine's elements are rounded out with warm earth, silky ganache and graphite on the nicely textured finish. Drink now through 2040.

Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 94 Points (2020)



Leading off the Hermitage, the 2020 Hermitage Monier De La Sizeranne is as classic as they come and has a balanced, layered, impressively structured profile as well as ample dark fruits, some smoky, meaty, leathery nuances, ripe tannins, plenty of mid-palate depth, and a great finish. Coming from a mix of terroirs, destemmed, and aged 16 months in a mix of barrels and demi-muids (20% new), this serious, age-worthy Hermitage will benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age and keep for over two decades.

