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The Guigal Saint-Joseph Lieu Dit Blanc is a refined and expressive white wine from the Saint-Joseph appellation in the Northern Rhône Valley. With a blend of 95% Marsanne and 5% Roussanne, this wine exemplifies elegance and complexity, offering a perfect balance of freshness, fruit, and minerality.

## St Joseph Lieu Dit Blanc 2021

Northern Rhône, France

### Region and Vineyards

The **Saint-Joseph** appellation is located on the steep, terraced hillsides along the **Rhône River**, known for its distinctive **gneiss and granite soils**. These soils, rich in minerals, provide excellent drainage and lend a unique minerality to the wines. The vineyards for this wine are primarily sourced from the southern part of the appellation, around the villages of **Tournon** and **Sarras**.

The vines, aged between **20 and 75 years**, are planted on these steep hillsides, producing low yields with an average of **1.9 tons per acre**, ensuring concentrated fruit. Guigal's acquisition of vineyards from **Domaine J.L. Grippat** and **Domaine Vallouit** has further elevated the quality of their **Saint-Joseph Blanc**.

### Winemaking

The **Guigal Saint-Joseph Lieu Dit Blanc 2021** is made with precision and care. The grapes are **hand-harvested** and undergo a **slow pressing** process to preserve the wine's delicate fruit character. Fermentation takes place in **stainless steel tanks**, allowing the freshness and purity of the fruit to shine through.

The wine is then aged for **9 months**, with **50% in new oak barrels** and **50% in second-year barrels**, adding subtle notes of vanilla and toast without overpowering the natural flavors. This balance of oak and stainless steel fermentation results in a wine that is both fresh and structured, with a rich texture and long finish.

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Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 95% Marsanne, 5%  
Roussanne



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## Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright, pale yellow with golden highlights.
- **Aroma:** The nose offers enticing aromas of **white flowers, brioche, tangerine**, and **grilled peach**, alongside subtle hints of **almond** and **vanilla** from the oak aging.
- **Palate:** On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied and beautifully balanced. Flavors of **stone fruits** such as **peach** and **apricot** are complemented by vibrant **acidity** and a rich **mineral undertone**. The oak influence is subtle, adding complexity without overwhelming the fresh fruit flavors.
- **Finish:** The finish is long and lingering, with a crisp minerality and notes of **citrus zest** and **toasted nuts**, showcasing the wine's aging potential.

## Did You Know?

The **Lieu Dit** vineyard that provides the name for this wine is one of the most prestigious sites in **Saint-Joseph**. It was this vineyard that initially convinced the **Guigal family** to work in the region, helping restore **Saint-Joseph's** historic reputation for producing high-quality wines.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled scallops with lemon butter:** The richness of the scallops is balanced by the wine's vibrant acidity and mineral complexity.
- **Roast chicken with thyme and garlic:** The wine's subtle oak influence pairs beautifully with the savory flavors of roast chicken and herbs.
- **Herb-crusted goat cheese:** The wine's floral and citrus notes complement the tangy, creamy texture of goat cheese.
- **Lobster risotto:** The creamy texture of the wine matches the richness of the risotto, while its freshness lifts the dish.

### Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2020)



*Hints of pencil shavings and crushed stone accent blackberries and blueberries on the nose of Guigal's 2020 Saint-Joseph Lieu-Dit Saint-Joseph. Looking even better now than it did prior to bottling, it's a knockout example of this fabled site, medium to full-bodied, concentrated and intense, with fine-grained, silky tannins allied to terrific freshness and length. Although it may go through open and closed phases along the way, it should drink well for two decades from the vintage.*

### Decanter (DCT) : 93 Points (2019)



*An exuberantly oaky nose and rich on the palate, plenty of oak spice, cashew and touch of peach skin with a lovely dry extract and saltiness on the long finish. A rich vintage, and a delicious one. Picked 25th August. (MW)*

