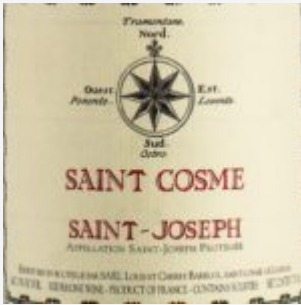


## Chateau St Cosme Saint Joseph Côtes du Rhône France 2021

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### Final Deductions

**VINTAGE** 2021

**GRAPE** Syrah/Blend

**GEOGRAPHY** Europe

**COUNTRY** France

**LARGER REGION** Rhône Valley

**SMALLER REGION** Southern Rhône

### Rationale

Saint-Joseph, in France's northern Rhône Valley, is comfortably the region's largest appellation geographically. The appellation covers both red wine made mainly from Syrah, and white wine made from Marsanne and Roussanne blended in varying proportions. The terroirs of Saint-Joseph vary considerably in the 30 miles the appellation covers along the Rhone valley. The best sites are set on primary rock formations, consisting of gneiss, granite, and mica-rich schist, while others are set on limestone outcrops or the alluvial soils of ancient glacial terraces. These soils each bring their own characteristics to the wines produced from them. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the best area of Saint-Joseph is where its vineyards are closest to the excellent terroir of Hermitage, in the middle of the northern Rhône region.

Classic red Saint Joseph (91% of the production) is meaty and savory, with an almost saline nuance and aromas of olives, herbs, pepper, black fruit, and violets. It can be high-toned, peppery, and structured, with those coming from cooler sites showing more of a sense of precision with mineral and blood/iron notes.

Château de Saint Cosme is a leading estate of Gigondas and produces the benchmark wines of the appellation. The property has been in the hands of the Barruol family since 1490. Louis Barruol took over from his father in 1992 making a dramatic shift to quality and converting to biodynamics in 2010. Bottled under their Saint Cosme negotiant label, this Saint Joseph is a true benchmark.

### Sight

**BRIGHTNESS** Day Bright

**CLARITY** Opaque

**COLOR DEPTH** Deep

**COLOR** Ruby

**RIM VARIATION** Ruby  
*Stained Tears: Low*

### Structure

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** Dry

**ACID** Med+

**ALCOHOL** Medium

**TANNIN** Med+

**TEXTURE** Phenolic / Astringent

**FINISH** Long

**COMPLEXITY** High

### Aroma & Taste

**RED FRUIT** Red Plum • Red Currant • Strawberry *Condition: Ripe*

**BLACK FRUIT** Black Raspberry • Black Cherry • Blackberry • Black Plum *Condition: Ripe*

**FLORAL** Lavender • Violet *Condition: Dried, Fresh*

**GREEN VEGETABLE** Arugula • Dark Leafy Greens

**OTHER VEGETABLE** Olive (Black) • Beet / Beet Root • Mushrooms (Brown) • Fennel / Anise • Tomato Leaf

**HERBAL** Thyme • Rosemary • Tobacco Leaf • Garrique / Provence • Laurel / Bay Leaf

**OTHER SPICES** Licorice (Red) • Green Peppercorn • Licorice (Black) • Black Pepper

**ORGANIC EARTH** Forest Floor

**INORGANIC EARTH** Mineral / Rock

**ANIMAL** Meat

**OAK AGING** Yes *Oak Intensity: Low*

**OAK INFLUENCE** Used Barrique

**OXIDATION/NUTTINESS** Walnut • Pistachio

**PERCEIVED WINEMAKING CHOICES** Partial / Whole Cluster