

# Jean-Louis Chave

## Hermitage Blanc



*The Chave family is based in a small village on the northern right bank of the Rhone. There have been Chaves growing vines on the famous Hermitage hill since 1481. Gerard Chave took over from his father in 1970 and rapidly achieved megastar status due to the extraordinary quality of his wines. Recently he has passed on the winemaking responsibilities to his son Jean-Louis.*

*The heart of the operation, however, is across the river, on the hill of Hermitage. Here Chave owns vines in nine of the eighteen vineyards that cover the hill. Jean-Louis Chave and his father believe that the rich variety of terroirs to be found on the hill are vital in blending a wine which has all of the features they desire, including finesse, structure and complexity.*

The **White Hermitage** is **85% Marsanne** and **15% Roussanne**, made from the fruits of four vineyards:

-Les Rocoules: a mid-slope site of clay and limestone, dominated by white grapes, as reds sourced from this site are often troubled by coarse tannins

-L'Hermite: a monopole – this site is owned entirely by the Chave family, since its purchase in 1984.

-Pélat: another monopole, a stony, sandy soil, which lies adjacent to Rocoules.

-Maison Blanche: a fairly large vineyard which lies above Rocoules, higher up the slope.



**L'Hermitage**

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