

# 2015 Paul Jaboulet Hermitageproduct-pdf - La Maison Bleue - Attention Collectors! Powerhouse Hermitage

## Why We're Drinking It

Collectors, Hermitage enthusiasts, Syrah lovers, this one is for YOU! If you can resist the temptation to open every bottle in your newly acquired stash, you'll be in for the ultimate indulgence over the long haul (especially if you save some for the offspring...only if they deserve it though). A powerhouse wine from Jaboulet, a storied producer in the region for several DECADES, it doesn't get any better than this. 96pts and at a truly foolish price, we can't believe we can offer something so magnificent and so worthy to our loyal fans, but alas, this is what we do, for YOU. You're welcome. ?

Back to the wine, Jaboulet's La Maison Bleue bottling is sourced from the biodynamically farmed Rocoules section of the Hermitage hill, which, because of its higher percentage of silica in the soils, results in a softer, more approachable Hermitage as compared to their crown jewel, La Chapelle. Nonetheless, this 100% Syrah has immense complexity, richness, opulence, minerality and simply put, a badass bomb of flavors to delight your currently deprived palate. Black raspberry, blackberry jam, toasted bread, spice, licorice, olive paste, potpourri, it's a velvety, chewy, powerful, in-your-face kind of wine that offers no apologies, and rightfully shouldn't! Oh and lest we not reinforce the ageability of this stunner...let it rest, hang out in the depths of your cellar for a decade or two (or three) and you will be rewarded, if you can wait that long (no judgement if you can't though).

Hurry off to checkout with at least 6 bottles, if not a case, while we still have the wine in stock, you have to have it, trust us.

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## Tasting Notes

100% Syrah with notes of black raspberry, blackberry jam, toasted bread, spice, licorice, olive paste, and potpourri. Velvety, well structured tannins, chewy with lovely mineral accents – a powerful wine.

### VARIETAL

Syrah

### APPELLATION

Hermitage

### ALCOHOL

14.00

### SIZE

750ml

### BLEND

Syrah

### AGING/COOPERAGE

Aged in French oak for 15 to 18 months.

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## The Story to Know

A legendary cru... Over centuries this mythical cru has built its reputation on a single hill, and an epic history. In the beginning, the hill was home to a hermitage founded by Henri Gaspard de Sterimberg in 1224. This knight, returning from the Albigensian Crusade, and weary of bloodshed, asked permission to Blanche of Castille to take refuge from the world on the summit of this granite hill. Soon joined by others, the community began to plant vines... A charming tale, but one that overlooks the fact that the Hermitage owes only its name to the hermit: the vineyard has existed since ancient times with the famous wines of Vienne. The first vintage of this cuvee was 2001 and the Maison Bleue takes its name from their little stone house used as a shelter to winegrowers located at the heart of the Murets. It houses their grapes for drying straw wines when we produce it.

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## Ratings

96pts, Jeb Dunnuck

*A new cuvee that's replacing the Petit Chapelle, the 2015 Hermitage La Maison Bleue comes from grapes on the eastern side of the appellation, which is more limestone, clay, and sedimentary soils. Brought up in 20% new oak (which*

*is the same for all the reds), it offers a rich, opulent, incredibly sexy style as well as full-bodied notes of black raspberry, blackberry jam, toasted bread, and spice. With tons of sweet fruit, no hard edges, and a great finish, it's a much more in your face, pedal-to-the-metal effort compared to the more structured La Chapelle.*

**95pts, Vinous**

*Opaque purple. Powerful, highly complex aromas of red/blue fruit preserves, licorice, olive paste and potpourri carry a sexy floral overtone. Coats the palate with intense black and blue fruit and spicecake flavors; a sappy violet pastille nuance gains strength with air and lends an exotic touch. Velvety, even tannins shape an impressively long, chewy, mineral-accented finish that shows outstanding power and spicy thrust.*

**94pts, Robert Parker Wine Advocate**

*Replacing La Petite Chapelle in the Jaboulet lineup is the 2015 Hermitage La Maison Bleue. Rather than being a selection of lots that didn't make the cut for La Chapelle, it's more terroir-based, with the wine coming from the eastern (non-granitic) side of the appellation. Because of that, it's softer in style, with a rich, velvety texture. Cedar and spice notes frame cassis and cola notes, lingering through the long, supple finish."*

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