

2003 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage le Meal  
Estate

Rating: (91-94)  
Drink: 2009-2025

The 2003 Hermitage Le Meal Estate's dense ruby/purple color is accompanied by aromas of gun flint, crushed rocks, black currants, and acacia flowers. This is an elegant yet medium to full-bodied Hermitage with significant character as well as length. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2025.

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Rating: 91  
Drink: -

The best of the group is the 2004 Ermitage Le Meal, which has a real fleshiness that is not apparent in the Les Dionnieres. Dense ruby/purple with notes of white chocolate intermixed with creme de cassis, blackberry, and some white flowers and minerals, the wine has beautiful fruit, gorgeous opulence, and a refreshing acidity, giving zest and balance to this wine, a winner in this challenging vintage.

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The 2005 Ermitage Le Meal from that famous parcel on the mid-/upper slope with fabulous exposition, represents 357 cases. A terrific effort from Ferraton, the wine has a dense purple color to the rim, a sweet, smoky, black currant nose intermixed with blood, tapenade, truffle, and spice box. It is full-bodied, opulent, rich, and surprisingly approachable for a 2005. I must have caught it on a good day, because the tannins are there, but not aggressive. This wine should evolve for at least 20-25 years.

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Drink: -

Revealing more chocolate, tar, espresso, and black currant liqueur, the 2006 Le Meal exhibits a full-bodied, chewy, big style that is not quite as complex as Les Dionnieres, but is thicker, richer, and more unctuous.

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2007 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage le Meal  
Estate

Rating: (87-89)  
Drink: 2009-2023

The 2007 Hermitage Le Meal possesses tart acidity along with notions of graphite, red and black fruits, damp earth, and subtle oak. Deep, medium to full-bodied, and rich, this impressive Hermitage should drink well for 12-14 years.

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**2003 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage les  
Dionnieres Estate**

Rating: (90-92)  
Drink: 2004-2016

Cropped at 10 hectoliters per hectare, the ripe, tasty 2003 Hermitage Les Dionnieres Estate does not possess the complexity of the great Hermitages, but it offers loads of chocolatey black cherry and blackberry fruit intermixed with notions of earth, truffles, and barrique smells. It should drink well for 10-12 years.

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**2004 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage les  
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Drink: 2010-2016

The outstanding 2004 Ermitage Les Dionnieres exhibits notes of black currant intermixed with asphalt, soil, and crushed rocks. The wine is rich, has good acidity but a sweetness to the tannin, and a nice, layered texture. The overall impression is one of elegance but power and restrained richness. It should drink nicely from about 2010-2016.

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Drink: -

At the southern end of Ermitage is the vineyard called Les Dionnieres, and the 2005 Ermitage Les Dionnieres (only 156 cases) has a dense ruby/purple color, a nose of roasted tomato confit intermixed with creme de cassis, licorice, graphite, and spice. It is ripe, full-bodied, and impressive.

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**2006 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage les  
Dionnieres Estate**

Rating: 93  
Drink: 2009-2034

The dense purple-colored 2006 Hermitage Les Dionnieres offers aromas of road tar, burning embers, creme de cassis, and blackberries. Thick and rich with sweet noble tannin as well as a large-scaled, expansive mouthfeel and finish, it will last for 20-25 years.

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**2007 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage les  
Dionnieres Estate**

**Rating: (88-90)**

**Drink: -**

Crisp, fresh acids are also present in the cool climate-tasting and smelling, dark ruby/purple-hued 2007 Hermitage Les Dionnieres. Reminiscent of the 1996s produced at Chapoutier (because of its high acid profile), it exhibits concentrated, fresh, lively red and black fruits, a floral component, and a tangy mouthfeel.

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### 2005 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage Cuvee des Miaux

Rating: 88+  
Drink: 2013-2033

The 2005 Hermitage Les Miaux is austere and tight, but much in keeping with the style of the vintage. High tannins and a foreboding personality, but a deep ruby/purple color and plenty of cassis fruit all make for an impressive but backward, high-brow style of Hermitage worth cellaring for 5-6 years and drinking over the following two decades.

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### 2006 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage Cuvee des Miaux

Rating: 92+  
Drink: 2011-2026

The superb 2006 Hermitage Le Miaux offers blackberry, charcoal, tar, and licorice notes in its dense, full-bodied, concentrated personality. With plenty of power and length as well as sweet tannins, it will benefit from 2-3 years of bottle age, and should drink well for 15+.

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### 2007 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage Cuvee des Miaux

Rating: (89-91)  
Drink: 2009-2024

A longer term offering is the inky/purple-hued 2007 Hermitage Le Miaux. Dense creme de cassis, smoked meat, herb, and licorice notes emerge from this opulent yet elegant effort. Revealing plenty of the vintage's cool climate acidity and freshness, this full-bodied wine should drink nicely for 10-15 years. Eighty percent of this cuvee comes from Hermitage's Les Dionnieres vineyard.

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## 2006 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage Blanc les Miaux

Rating: 93

Drink: -

Even better is the spectacular equal-part blend of Roussanne and Marsanne, the 2006 Hermitage Les Miaux. This wine is aged in small oak as well as 550- to 600-liter demi-muids. Light gold in color, no doubt because of the Roussanne component, the wine has notes of quince, jam, orange marmalade, rose petals, and a full-bodied mouthfeel, with little evidence of any wood, and a stunningly long finish. Much like most of these large-scale white Hermitages, it should be drunk in its first 3-4 years or forgotten for at least a decade, until it comes out of its weird stage.

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### 2001 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage Blanc le Reverdy Estate

Rating: (89-91)  
Drink: -

While purer than the 2000, the 2001 Hermitage Le Reverdy Estate is also higher in acidity. It offers a flowery, buttery, fino sherry-like perfume, medium to full body, and an austere personality.

Ferraton's wines are made under the auspices of Michel Chapoutier and his talented oenologist, Alberic Mazoyer. Two levels of quality are offered, the negociant cuvees (made from purchased wines and/or grapes) and the single vineyard estate offerings.

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### 2003 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage Blanc le Reverdy Estate

Rating: 93  
Drink: -

The 2003 Hermitage Le Reverdy Estate may be the finest white Hermitage I have tasted from Ferraton. Sadly, there are only 200 cases. Aromas of white currants, quince, and hazelnuts emerge from this rich, full-bodied, unctuously-textured, impressive 2003.

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### 2005 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage Blanc le Reverdy Estate

Rating: 92  
Drink: -

The 2005 Hermitage Le Reverdy is a beautiful, steely, earthy, terroir-driven white wine with notes of rose petal, marmalade, almonds, crushed rocks, and flowers. This wine has full body and loads of power, richness, and intensity.

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### 2006 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage Blanc le Reverdy Estate

Rating: 94  
Drink: 2009-2039

Another blend of equal parts Marsanne (from Bessards) and Roussanne (from Meal) is the 2006 Hermitage Le Reverdy blanc. The finest white Hermitage made at Ferraton, this full-bodied effort offers notes of honeyed citrus, quince, crushed rocks, acacia flowers, and truffles. With fabulous fruit, a full-bodied unctuousness, and a dense, long finish, it should drink well for 20-30+ years.

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**2007 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage Blanc le  
Reverdy Estate**

**Rating: 94**  
**Drink: -**

The sensational 2007 Hermitage Le Reverdy blanc is made in a slightly lighter style than the 2006, but the wine is still stacked and packed with honeyed hazelnuts, licorice, white currants, and quince. It is deep and full-bodied with plenty of zesty acidity.

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2006 Ferraton Pere et Fils Crozes Hermitage le  
Grand Courtil Estate

Rating: 92  
Drink: 2009-2024

The 2006 Crozes-Hermitage Le Grand Courtil exhibits abundant creme de cassis notes intermixed with incense, charcoal, licorice, and bouquet garni. Rich, full-bodied, and dense, it is a superb example of red Crozes-Hermitage. Drink it over the next 10-15 years.

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2007 Ferraton Pere et Fils Crozes Hermitage le  
Grand Courtil Estate

Rating: (90-92)  
Drink: 2009-2021

Abundant quantities of crisp, subtly herbaceous, red and black currants intermixed with smoked meat and herb characteristics are found in the 2007 Crozes-Hermitage Le Grand Courtil. Fresh and tart with obvious minerality, it is destined to be consumed during its first 10-12 years of life.

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## 2004 Ferraton Pere et Fils St Joseph

Rating: 81

Drink: -

I was unimpressed with the lean, austere, and undernourished 2004 St.-Joseph.

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### 2005 Ferraton Pere et Fils St Joseph Blanc les Oliviers Estate

Rating: 90  
Drink: 2007-2010

The white wines from Ferraton include a couple of knock-out efforts, including the 2005 St.-Joseph Les Oliviers, an equal part blend of Marsanne and Roussanne. This wine reveals orange marmalade notes intermixed with crushed rocks and white flowers in a medium-bodied, beautifully rich style with good acidity in the background. Drink it over the next 2-3 years.

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### 2007 Ferraton Pere et Fils St Joseph Blanc les Oliviers Estate

Rating: 92  
Drink: 2009-2012

The bottled 2007 St.-Joseph Les Oliviers blanc reveals orange marmalade and spring flower characteristics, crisp citrus, and a medium to full-bodied style. While not as weighty and rich as the 2006, it is an elegant, finesse-styled white to consume over the next 2-3 years.

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### 2006 Ferraton Pere et Fils St Joseph Blanc les Oliviers Estate

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Drink: 2009-2015

The 2006 St.-Joseph Olivieres blanc, an equal part blend of Roussanne and Marsanne, exhibits super aromas of Mandarin oranges, honeysuckle, marmalade, and rose petals, a full-bodied, dense, rich yet fresh and lively personality, and good minerality. It is a dead-ringer for a top white Hermitage. Enjoy it over the next 5-6 years.

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**1998 Ferraton Pere et Fils St Joseph les Oliviers Estate**

**Rating: 88**  
**Drink: 2001-2006**

The impressive, fat, honeyed, intense 1998 St.-Joseph Les Oliviers Estate blanc offers a liquid minerality as well as a long, concentrated finish. It should drink well for 4-5 years.

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**1999 Ferraton Pere et Fils St Joseph les Oliviers Estate**

**Rating: 89**  
**Drink: 2002-2005**

This single vineyard white wine is aged in 100% new oak and bottled with minimal clarification. The impressive 1999 St.-Joseph Les Oliviers is a dry, full-bodied white exhibiting scents of smoke, orange marmalade, and rose water. It is heady and fruity, with considerable glycerin as well as length. This wine should be consumed over the next 2-3 years.

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### 2006 Ferraton Pere et Fils St Joseph la Source

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Drink: 2009-2017

The 2006 St.-Joseph La Source eclipses the Crozes-Hermitage. Sweet raspberry and black cherry fruit intermixed with forest floor and powdered rock-like notes are found in this attractive, medium to full-bodied, elegant, expansively flavored wine. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.

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### 2007 Ferraton Pere et Fils St Joseph la Source

Rating: 87  
Drink: -

The 2007 St.-Joseph La Source exhibits zesty acidity, cool-climate, mineral-laced, red currant and berry aromas, a hint of vegetation, medium body, and an elegant, moderately-endowed, well-balanced, elegant style.

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Source

Rating: 91  
Drink: -

Absolutely stunning, the 2006 St.-Joseph La Source has Roussanne in the blend, but is again mostly Marsanne from granite-based hillside sites. The wine displays full body, beautiful freshness, and almost grand cru Chablis-like character with its minerality and citrus. It is fresh, lively, and a beauty.

As I said last year, Michel Chapoutier is expending considerable amounts of money and energy to upgrade the wines of Ferraton. He still controls the biodynamic farming of many of their vineyards, and is totally responsible for the negociant blends that are put together. His emphasis is on terroir, purity of fruit, and earlier bottling to preserve the wine's character. I thought the 2006s were perhaps his strongest overall vintage since he has been running this enterprise. In approaching the Ferraton wines, one has to realize the lower end is the negociant range, which include their generic Cotes du Rhones, the Crozes-Hermitage La Matiniere, the St.-Joseph, and the Hermitage Les Miaux, and then of course, the single-vineyard wines such as the St.-Joseph Les Oliviers, Ermitage Les Dionnieres, Ermitage Le Meal, and Crozes-Hermitage Le Grand Courtil.

- Robert Parker (February, 2008)

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2007 Ferraton Pere et Fils St Joseph Blanc la  
Source

Rating: 90  
Drink: 2009-2014

The superb 2007 St.-Joseph La Source blanc exhibits aromas of white flowers, white peaches, quince, and crushed rocks. The wine hits the palate with a medium to full-bodied, zesty, fresh style displaying little evidence of wood. This impressive 2007 white should drink nicely for 4-5 years.

Owned by Michel Chapoutier, Ferraton has been a solidly reliable, if uninspiring producer until the last several vintages. A few years ago, the Chapoutier team decided to push for maximum quality at this estate, and as a result, the finest wines to emerge thus far are the 2006s, followed by the 2007s. Moreover, prices remain extremely fair as the world marketplace has not yet recognized the rise in quality of Ferraton wines. The white wines performed strongly. Ferraton also produces some single vineyard red and white offerings called Selection Parcelaires. These are the finest wines I have yet tasted from this estate. The 2007 single vineyard reds are slightly lighter and more finesse-styled, with more noticeable acidity. Kudos to Michel Chapoutier and the team at Ferraton for fashioning what are clearly their finest wines to date.

- Robert Parker (April, 2009)

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**1985 Ferraton Pere et Fils Hermitage Vin de  
Paille (White)**

**Rating: 93**  
**Drink: 1986-2045**

Ferraton made a minuscule quantity of this wine, which statistically has 22% potential alcohol. He harvested the Marsanne grapes on October 10, 1985, put them on straw mats, and pressed them on January 15, 1986. It is a wonderfully exotic, opulent, decadently rich wine with oodles of fruit and a staggering perfume of apricots and peaches. It should keep for 50-60 years. Unfortunately, fewer than 100 bottles were made. Last tasted 6/86. ...

- Robert Parker (January, 1997)

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