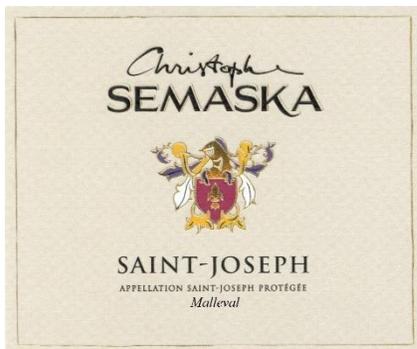


## Domaine Christophe Semaska



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### **2013 Domaine Semaska - Saint Joseph, Malleval**

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#### **92 Points**

A much smaller production than the classic Saint Joseph, the 2013 Saint Joseph Malleval is a bigger, richer and more serious wine. Charcoal, blackberry, pepper and a touch of graphite all emerge from this medium-bodied, beautifully textured, polished and layered Syrah. It expands on the palate, has terrific purity of fruit and will drink nicely for 5-8 years at a minimum.

### **2013 Domaine Semaska - Côte- Rôtie, Lancement**

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#### **91+ Points**

Tasted out of bottle, the 2013 Côte Rôtie Lancement is 100% Syrah that was completely destemmed and aged 24 months in new French oak. Coming from a terrific terroir that's located further up on the slope, just above the Côte Blonde lieu-dit, it's currently showing lots of oak in its crème de cassis, caramelized black fruits, wood smoke and creamy, licorice-laced bouquet. This gives way to a medium-bodied, firm, yet concentrated Côte Rôtie that has ripe tannin and a good finish. I doubt this level of oak will ever truly integrate, yet it will benefit from 2-4 years of cellaring and drink nicely for a decade after that.



### **2012 Domaine Semaska - Côte-Rôtie, Fleur de Montlys**

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#### **94 Points**

I loved Semaska's 2012 Côte Rôtie Fleur de Montlys. It's made from 100% Syrah that was aged all in new barrels. Ultra-pure and finesse-driven with thrilling raspberry, pencil shavings and warm spice. Elegance and seamless texture are the name of the game here, and this medium-bodied Côte Rôtie has fabulous polish to its tannin, no hard edges and a great finish. Drink it over the coming decade or more.