

Crozes-Hermitage Autrement 2016 - 93 PTS

Glass-staining ruby. Vibrant, expansive aromas of spice-tinged dark berries and candied flowers pick up suggestions of olive, vanilla and smoky bacon with air. Sappy and energetic in style, offering intense black raspberry, bitter cherry and spicecake flavors that turn sweeter as the wine opens up. Finishes spicy, gently tannic and impressively long, leaving a suave note of violet pastille behind.

-- Josh Raynolds

Saint-Joseph 2017 - 91 PTS

Deep ruby. Ripe blackberry, cherry cola, candied violet and woodsmoke on the deeply perfumed nose. Palate-coating black and blue fruit preserve flavors spread out slowly with air and pick up a spicy suggestion of black pepper. In a plush, generous style, in keeping with the vintage. Finishes smooth, sweet and broad, with velvety tannins adding subtle grip to lingering dark fruit preserve and salty olive notes.

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Crozes-Hermitage Cuvée Particulière 2017 - 90 PTS

Bright violet. Lively blackberry, candied violet and woodsmoke aromas show very good clarity and spicy lift. Silky, appealingly sweet black and blue fruit flavors pick up olive and floral pastille qualities with air. Finishes gently sweet and long, with discreet tannins adding gentle closing grip.

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