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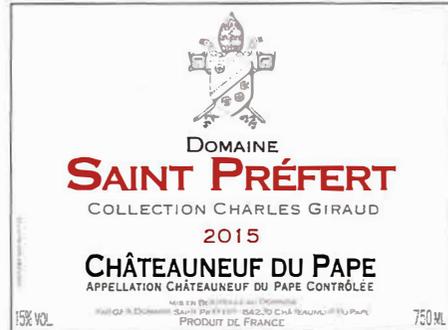


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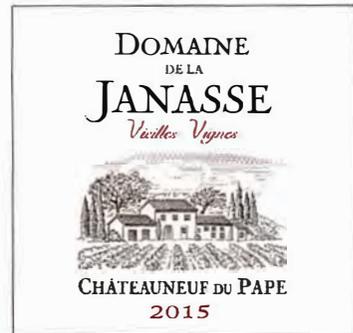
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Highly Recommended

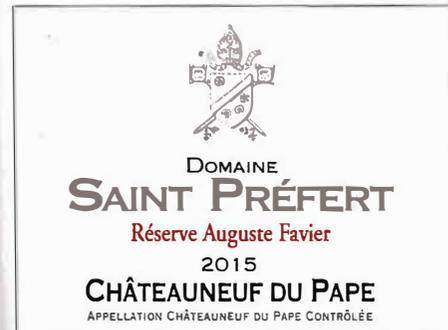
The issue's most impressive wines. Includes top-scorers and wines that represent optimal purchases based on their combination of score, price and availability.



99 **Domaine St.-Préfert Châteauneuf-du-Pape Collection Charles Giraud 2015 \$93** FRANCE Gorgeous, starting off with warm ganache and Turkish coffee aromas, followed by dense, fleshy layers of fig cake, steeped plum and warm blackberry confiture. Shows lots of juicy energy through the finish, with anise and singed juniper accents adding range. Cellar first, then enjoy the smoke show. Best from 2020 through 2045. 1,000 cases made.—J.M.



97 **Domaine de la Janasse Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes 2015 \$90** FRANCE Ripe and focused, with a delightful mix of cassis, blood orange and cherry coulis flavors streaming through, backed by black tea and apple wood accents. Finely beaded acidity lets the fruit stretch out, while a light mineral edge adds range. Shows an echo of licorice snap at the very end. Dense, but there's remarkable grace here. Best from 2020 through 2040. 392 cases imported.—J.M.



97 **Domaine St.-Préfert Châteauneuf-du-Pape Auguste Favier Réserve 2015 \$55** FRANCE Vibrant and captivating, with exuberant fruitcake, cinnamon and black tea aromas leading the way for a fleshy core of raspberry pâte de fruit, plum sauce and cassis, all allied to a lovely velvety texture. Maintains intensity through the finish, showing a long echo of pastis. Best from 2020 through 2040. 1,300 cases made.—J.M.



95 **Yves Cuilleron Condrieu La Petite Côte 2015 \$54** FRANCE Layers of fig, pear, quince, nectarine and yellow apple fruit course through this gorgeous white, gilded with hazelnut oil, orange pith and bitter almond notes. Offers an opulent range, yet remains focused. Shows Viognier's uniqueness. Drink now through 2021. 210 cases imported.—J.M.

Collectibles

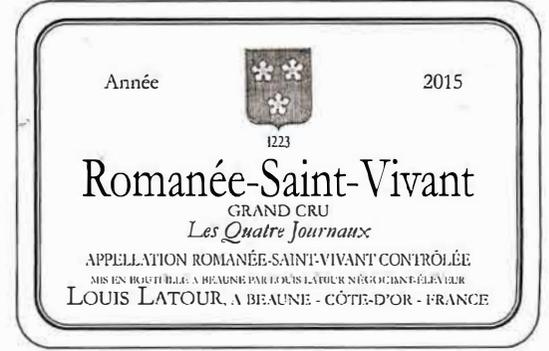
Wines that will improve most from additional bottle age and that show the greatest potential to gain in value.



97 **Falletto di Bruno Giacosa Barolo Falletto Vigna le Rocche Riserva 2011 \$400** ITALY This alluring red starts out with soft rose, cherry, raspberry and menthol flavors, all harmonious, before picking up tar, tobacco and mineral elements, playing out on the long finish. This has mellowed somewhat, but the fruit never gives up, even as mouthcoating tannins emerge. Best from 2023 through 2040. 900 cases made.—B.S.



97 **Jean Grivot Richebourg 2014 \$1,500** FRANCE A rich and fleshy version, exhibiting black cherry, blackberry, violet, iron and spice flavors. Firmly structured, yet charmingly concentrated and pure, with terrific balance. Extends nicely on the long finish. Best from 2021 through 2040. 95 cases imported.—B.S.



97 **Louis Latour Romanée St.-Vivant Les Quatre Journaux 2015 \$650** FRANCE Though packed with black currant, blueberry and cherry fruit, this red is wrapped up in a firm structure today, giving an austere feel. All the components are in the right proportion and there's no denying the saturated aftertaste that echoes the core of cherry. Best from 2023 through 2045. 280 cases made.—B.S.



96 **Jean-Louis Chave Hermitage 2014 \$325** FRANCE This starts strong, with warm ganache, steeped fig and crushed blackberry flavors, then gains steam, picking up smoldering charcoal, bay leaf and juniper accents as the wine drives and expands through the finish. Offers a long echo of graphite, with the fruit keeping pace. Very impressive for the vintage. Best from 2020 through 2040. 2,500 cases made.—J.M.

Smart Buys

Wines that deliver fine character at affordable prices and that are broadly available.



94 **Marco & Vittorio Adriano Barbaresco Basarin 2014 \$25** ITALY Elegant, leading off with perfumed aromas of rose, cherry, strawberry and white pepper. The profile is sleek, with a solid base of acidity and tannins. Shows terrific length, evoking fruit and mineral on the aftertaste. Best from 2019 through 2033. 2,500 cases made.—B.S.

Buying Guide cover photograph by Ellie Patterson.

90 Domaine Richou Anjou Les Châteliers 2015 \$21 Fresh and friendly cherry and pomegranate fruit flavors stream through, flecked with light violet, savory and tobacco notes. Shows good energy through the unadorned finish. Gamay. Drink now through 2019. 825 cases made.—J.M.

90 Domaine de la Taille Aux Loups Montlouis Sur Loire Clos de Mosny 2015 \$34 Pretty peach, quince and cardamom notes zip along, laced with a mineral edge on the racy finish. Not big, but pure and fresh. Drink now through 2022. 1,200 cases made.—J.M.

89 Duveau Frères Saumur-Champigny 2015 \$19 Fresh, with brisk cherry and pomegranate fruit inlaid with a bright bay leaf note. Offers a focused, pure, unadorned finish. Drink now through 2020. 5,500 cases made.—J.M.

FRANCE

Provence / Rosé

92 Château de Pibarnon Bandol Rosé Nuances 2015 \$35 Distinctive, as the late release has given this rosé a plumper, softer edge, but without sacrificing the intensity of the blood orange, cherry, peach and persimmon flavors. Still juicy in feel, with a long echo of tobacco through the finish. Drink now. 500 cases made.—J.M.

91 Château de Pibarnon Bandol Rosé 2016 \$30 Ripe and juicy, with lots of inviting blood orange, cherry, white raspberry and peach fruit flavors. This has the density, zip and cut to stay fresh. A food rosé. Drink now. 8,000 cases made.—J.M.

90 Domaines Bunan Bandol Rosé Château La Rouvière 2016 \$40 A ripe, creamy style, featuring alluring peach, mango, blood orange and white raspberry fruit flavors. The finish tightens up nicely, with light orange pith and mineral notes adding cut. Drink now. 1,000 cases made.—J.M.

90 Domaine du Gros Noré Bandol Rosé 2016 \$32 This has lovely focus and cut, with a racy beam of peach, nectarine and blood orange flavors carried by finely beaded acidity. The long finish has a lovely mineral echo. Drink now. 950 cases imported.—J.M.

90 Domaines Ott Côtes de Provence Rosé Château de Selle 2016 \$52 An alluring rosé, with persimmon, orange pith, jicama and mineral notes streaking through, all set against a backdrop of white peach. Shows range and precision. Drink now. 9,900 cases imported.—J.M.

90 Domaines Ott Côtes de Provence Rosé Clos Mireille 2016 \$52 This sports a mineral hint from the start, while light savory, white peach, nectarine and white raspberry notes fill in behind. Lengthy, with the mineral edge lingering nicely. Drink now. 4,500 cases imported.—J.M.

90 Château Pradeaux Bandol Rosé 2016 \$32 This rosé shows some heft, as peach, blood orange and bergamot notes offer a broad, ripe feel, while light tea and nectarine details check in on the finish. Atypical and delicious. Drink now. 1,000 cases imported.—J.M.

90 Château Pradeaux Côtes de Provence Rosé 2016 \$23 Offers a broad and juicy feel, with a mix of blood orange, peach and Earl Grey tea notes backed by a light tobacco hint. Shows a good stony echo on the finish. This has the substance to match with poached salmon or crab cakes. Drink now. 450 cases imported.—J.M.

90 Domaine Tempier Bandol Rosé 2016 \$42 This has a lovely balance of zip and richness, with peach, mango and blood orange notes, lifted by bright savory and rosemary accents. Shows a stony edge on the finish. Drink now. 2,741 cases imported.—J.M.

89 Château Vannières Bandol Rosé 2016 \$25 Fresh white cherry and peach flavors drive through nicely, with bright acidity and a lingering stony accent on the finish. This begs for food. Drink now. 6,500 cases made.—J.M.

88 Bieler Père & Fils Bandol Rosé Réserve 2016 \$23 Fresh, with a core of peach and white cherry flavors, backed by a toothy jicama edge on the finish. Lacks range but shows good energy throughout. Drink now. 1,000 cases imported.—J.M.

88 Jolie-Pitt & Perrin Côtes de Provence Rosé Miraval 2016 \$26 High-pitched, with savory and thyme notes leading the way for watermelon rind, peach and white cherry flavors. Shows a pretty stony echo on the finish. Drink now. 90,000 cases imported.—J.M.

88 Domaines Ott Bandol Rosé Château Romassan 2016 \$52 A ripe, broad rosé, with blood orange, peach and mango flavors gliding along, backed by a light savory thread for contrast on the finish. Drink now. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 5,700 cases imported.—J.M.

87 Minuty Côtes de Provence Rosé M 2016 \$20 Juicy and forward, with light nectarine, white peach and rose water flavors bouncing off each other. Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah. Drink now. 257,000 cases made.—J.M.

87 Les Maîtres Vignerons de la Vidaubanaise Côtes de Provence Rosé Le Provençal 2016 \$15 Juicy and direct, with peach and white cherry flavors, showing good cut from a light stony echo on the finish. Drink now. 10,000 cases made.—J.M.

86 Kirkland Signature Côtes de Provence Rosé 2016 \$9 See Best Values, page 218.

FRANCE

Rhône / Châteauneuf-du-Pape

99 Domaine St.-Préfert Châteauneuf-du-Pape Collection Charles Giraud 2015 \$93 See Highly Recommended, page 215.

97 Domaine Giraud Châteauneuf-du-Pape Grenaches de Pierre 2015 \$105 Gorgeous, with black tea and warm anise aromas leading the way for a core of ganache, raspberry pâte de fruit, plum cake and blackberry compote flavors. Dense and fleshy, featuring a terrific bolt of graphite coursing through the back end. Inviting, but cellar this for maximum effect. Best from 2020 through 2040. 208 cases made.—J.M.

97 Domaine Giraud Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Gallimardes 2015 \$105 Very seductive, with a note of Turkish coffee out front, quickly melding into a delicious mix of black currant, plum and boysenberry pâte de fruit flavors. Lots of black tea, incense and warm fruitcake details swirl throughout, while well-buried minerality keeps the finish lengthy and firmly grounded. This just gets bigger and bigger with aeration. Best from 2020 through 2040. 208 cases made.—J.M.

97 Domaine de la Janasse Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes 2015 \$90 See Highly Recommended, page 215.

97 Roger Sabon & Fils Châteauneuf-du-Pape Le Secret des Sabon 2015 \$200 There's a velvety, caressing mouthfeel to the waves of Linzer torte, warm cassis and raspberry pâte de fruit flavors, laced with black tea, mulled spice, singed alder and melted licorice notes. The long finish has latent grip and a beautiful iron accent but remains beguiling overall, letting the fruit and perfume play out beautifully. Best from 2020 through 2040. 112 cases imported.—J.M.

97 Domaine St.-Préfert Châteauneuf-du-Pape Auguste Favier Réserve 2015 \$55 See Highly Recommended, page 215.

96 Château de Vaudieu Châteauneuf-du-Pape Amiral G. 2015 \$115 Features a solid core of lightly steeped kirsch, black cherry and raspberry fruit, backed by singed juniper and apple wood notes that lend aromatic and textural contrast. Tobacco, shiso leaf and blood orange details score the finish, giving this a mouthwatering profile. Best from 2020 through 2040. 50 cases imported.—J.M.

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96 Château de Vaudieu Châteauneuf-du-Pape L'Avenue 2015 \$115 Very silky in feel, with beguiling rooibos tea, bergamot and blood orange accents sitting atop the large core of cassis and raspberry pâte de fruit. Everything is in lockstep through the finish, where buried minerality adds the final touch. Best from 2020 through 2035. 50 cases imported.—J.M.

95 Domaine Ferrando Châteauneuf-du-Pape Colombis 2015 \$55 Offers gorgeous mouthfeel, with very fine-grained tannins thoroughly embedded into the core of crushed blackberry, raspberry puree and plum pâte de fruit flavors. Mouthwatering licorice snap, black tea and graphite notes drive the finish, adding serious length and depth. Integrated enough to be tempting now, but this will deliver much more after cellaring. Best from 2020 through 2040. 765 cases made.—J.M.

95 Domaine de la Janasse Châteauneuf-du-Pape Chaupin 2015 \$70 Pretty, with cassis and warm raspberry puree notes carried by silky but persistent structure, while rooibos tea, blood orange and incense accents fill in the background. The streamlined finish pulls everything together, letting the silky, perfumy feel sail on. Best from 2020 through 2040. 392 cases imported.—J.M.

95 Roger Sabon & Fils Châteauneuf-du-Pape Prestige 2015 \$70 Intense, with a delicious core of warm raspberry pâte de fruit, cassis and Linzer torte flavors wrapped in licorice and singed alder notes. The long finish has some heft but stays racy and driven overall, showing a flash of iron through the finish. Well-built. Best from 2020 through 2035. 224 cases imported.—J.M.

94 Domaine St.-Préfert Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2015 \$44 This energetic red offers a big ball of kirsch wound tightly with licorice, graphite and raspberry coulis notes. Shows lots of bright spice accents through the finish, which is carried by finely beaded acidity. Offers serious latent grip. Best from 2020 through 2035. 2,740 cases made.—J.M.

94 Château de Vaudieu Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2015 \$55 Richly layered, with hedonistic fig, boysenberry and raspberry confiture flavors that roll over each other while mouthwatering anise, fruitcake and black tea notes chase from behind. Shows loads of heft but remains driven by fresh, deeply inlaid acidity that pulls everything together on the finish. A flashy style and impossible to resist. Best from 2020 through 2040. 392 cases imported.—J.M.

94 Les Vins de Vienne Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Otéliées 2015 \$75 Richly layered, with warm fig, boysenberry and raspberry confiture flavors stacked with graphite, ganache and roasted apple wood notes. Dense but defined, with a flash of shiso leaf imparting lift and cut throughout, while a rooibos tea detail adds a beguiling touch on the finish. Best from 2020 through 2040. 182 cases made.—J.M.

93 Domaine Giraud Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2015 \$50 Inviting, with lush, warm cassis, raspberry puree and plum sauce flavors that are long and caressing in feel, while flashes of black tea, anise and singed juniper set off pyrotechnics in the background. The finish gains steam and depth, picking up a graphite edge for added drive. Best from 2019 through 2030. 1,665 cases made.—J.M.

93 Domaine de la Janasse Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2015 \$50 Ripe and focused, with lively plum, raspberry and blackberry pâte de fruit notes that race along nicely, flecked with anise and fruitcake accents. A flash of shiso leaf adds life and cut to the finish, while the fruit streams through. Best from 2018 through 2030. 392 cases imported.—J.M.

93 Roger Sabon & Fils Châteauneuf-du-Pape Réserve 2015 \$45 Alluring, with racy raspberry coulis, cassis and red licorice fruit forming the core, all infused with rooibos tea and incense notes. Pretty minerality gilds the finish, which is stylish and lengthy. Approachable already, but there's no rush. Drink now through 2030. 336 cases imported.—J.M.

92 Brotte Châteauneuf-du-Pape Secret Barville 2015 \$55 Solidly built, with a ganache frame around dark plum, black currant and fig paste flavors. The finish is scored with smoldering tobacco and warm chestnut notes. A burly, slightly old-school style, showing depth and character. Best from 2019 through 2029. 420 cases made.—J.M.

92 Domaine Giraud Châteauneuf-du-Pape Prémices 2015 \$40 A pure, elegant style, with an alluring raspberry puree note leading the way, while light blood orange, red currant and plum fruit flavors follow close behind. Nuances of incense, mulling spices and rooibos tea flutter throughout. The finish is silky and persistent. Best from 2018 through 2030. 915 cases made.—J.M.

92 Roger Sabon & Fils Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Olivets 2015 \$40 Pretty, with silky plum, cassis and raspberry fruit flavors lined with a light anise thread. Twinges of incense and iron show through the refined and perfumed finish. Drink now through 2030. 392 cases imported.—J.M.

92 Domaine de la Vieille Julienne Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Trois Sources 2014 \$75 Ripe and rounded in feel, with a silky but persistent structure that allows the cherry preserves and plum reduction flavors to glide along easily. Light apple wood and anise notes fill out the finish. This is poised and balanced. Drink now through 2030. 708 cases made.—J.M.

91 Chante Cigale Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2015 \$45 This sports a lightly smoky frame, with notes of tobacco and bittersweet cocoa around a core of lightly mulled cherry, plum and blackberry fruit. The structure is silky and refined, letting the finish play out nicely. Best from 2018 through 2028. 5,000 cases made.—J.M.

91 Jean-Luc Colombo Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Bartavelles 2015 \$40 Sports a ripe, winy feel, with cassis, raspberry puree and plum reduction flavors, inlaid liberally with red licorice notes. Slightly burly singed alder and chestnut details fill in on the finish, though there's enough fleshy fruit to soak them up. Best from 2018 through 2028. 1,000 cases made.—J.M.

91 Paul Jourdan Châteauneuf-du-Pape Grande Réserve Papale 2015 \$40 Ripe and focused, this has depth but keeps a streamlined feel overall, letting dark cherry, plum and warm fig fruit cruise through, flanked by alder, tobacco and ganache accents that are well-integrated. The finish has a smoldering tobacco echo. Best from 2019 through 2029. 250 cases made.—J.M.

90 Brotte Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine Barville 2015 \$39 Warm cinnamon and chestnut notes lead the way in this pleasantly rustic version, with dried cherry, plum and red currant fruit at the core and a lingering, tobacco- and brick dust-infused finish. Best from 2018 through 2028. 3,330 cases made.—J.M.

89 Brotte Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Hauts de Barville 2016 \$30 Ripe, lush and forward in feel, with crushed plum, boysenberry puree, melted red licorice and warm fruitcake flavors pumping along. This has just enough toasty grip to stay honest, but this is basically a fruit blast. Drink now through 2024. 6,670 cases made.—J.M.

FRANCE

Rhône / Châteauneuf-du-Pape / White

93 Brotte Roussanne Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine Barville 2016 \$50 Ripe, with creamed peach, Cavaillon melon and heather flavors gliding along, followed by warm brioche and lemon meringue notes on the finish. A lovely display of exotic fruit. Drink now through 2018. 200 cases made.—J.M.

93 Domaine Giraud Châteauneuf-du-Pape White Les Gallimardes 2016 \$65 Ripe melon, pear and yellow apple fruit flavors are backed by fresh acidity and a high-pitched honeysuckle note, lending contrast between the opulence and raciness. Drink now through 2021. 165 cases made.—J.M.

93 Domaine du Pégaü Châteauneuf-du-Pape White Cuvée Réservee 2016 \$66 Very bright, with white peach, star fruit and yellow apple fruit flavors injected with chamomile, jicama and quinine notes. Offers a pure, mouthwatering finish. Drink now through 2021. 250 cases made.—J.M.

93 Domaine des Sénéchaux Châteauneuf-du-Pape White 2015 \$40 Fresh and focused, with honeysuckle, Cavaillon melon, white peach and yellow apple fruit flavors, all melded together and carried by a bitter almond spine on the finish. Drink now through 2019. 800 cases made.—J.M.

92 André Brunel Châteauneuf-du-Pape White Les Cailloux 2015 \$55 Distinctive, opening with warm yellow apple and ginger flavors, followed by rich grapefruit oil, mirabelle plum and nectarine notes. Broad through the finish, showing a light waxy edge, but with an underlying freshness. Drink now through 2019. 100 cases imported.—J.M.

92 Domaine St.-Préfert Châteauneuf-du-Pape White 2016 \$53 Ripe and forward, with enticing pear, yellow apple and green fig flavors, caressed by a light salted butter note. The round, flattering finish has a verbena thread. Drink now through 2019. 725 cases made.—J.M.

91 Brotte Châteauneuf-du-Pape White Les Hauts de Barville 2016 \$30 This offers lovely white peach, yellow apple and Cavaillon melon flavors at the core, with accents of shortbread and verbena for added range and length. Drink now through 2018. 1,250 cases made.—J.M.

FRANCE

Rhône / Condrieu

96 Yves Cuilleron Condrieu Les Chaillets 2015 \$79 A gorgeous display of fruit, this lets yellow apple, quince, green fig, apricot and peach flavors stream along, backed by light twinges of green almond and mirabelle plum. Shows a sense of freshness despite the opulence. Drink now through 2021. 60 cases imported.—J.M.

95 Yves Cuilleron Condrieu La Petite Côte 2015 \$54 See Highly Recommended, page 215.

94 Domaine Clusel-Roch Condrieu Verchery 2015 \$60 Lovely, with a mix of yellow apple, peach, melon and quince flavors that bounce along, showing bright energy thanks to lilting honeysuckle, verbena and star fruit notes. Both unctuous and racy on the finish. Drink now through 2020. 150 cases made.—J.M.

94 Georges Vernay Condrieu Les Terrasses de l'Empire 2015 \$100 Bright, with a distinctly racy edge, this Condrieu is marked by yellow apple, mirabelle plum, white peach and chamomile notes, along with hints of quinine and honeysuckle. The fresh finish eschews power for detail. Drink now through 2021. 600 cases made.—J.M.

93 Pierre Gaillard Condrieu 2016 \$42 Ripe, with nectarine, tangerine and peach flavors pumping along, lined with bitter almond and orange notes that lend tension and drive through the finish. Drink now through 2019. 1,500 cases made.—J.M.

FRANCE

Rhône / Cornas

96 Jean-Luc Colombo Cornas Vallon de l'Aigle 2015 \$189 This is intense, with layers of dark plum, fig and blackberry confiture flavors rolling through, carried by smoldering charcoal and bay leaf notes. Grippy throughout, but the integration is there, while ganache,

licorice root and sweet tapenade details fill in on the finish. Impressive. Best from 2020 through 2040. 75 cases made.—J.M.

96 Eric & Joël Durand Cornas Confiance 2015 \$65 This is defined by beautiful notes of cassis, cherry preserves and raspberry pâte de fruit, balanced impeccably atop a racy graphite spine. Flashes of black tea, incense and bay leaf fill in on the finish, ending with mouthwatering acidity. A beauty. Best from 2021 through 2035. 110 cases made.—J.M.

95 Jean-Luc Colombo Cornas La Louvée 2015 \$104 Fleshy in feel, with a ganache edge around the core of warmed plum sauce, fig paste and blackberry reduction flavors. Loam and charcoal notes line the finish, while the fruit plays out wonderfully. Shows a touch more fruit than grip, but the fruit is really beautiful. Best from 2020 through 2035. 400 cases made.—J.M.

95 Jean-Luc Colombo Cornas Les Ruchets 2015 \$104 Dark and fleshy, with gorgeous blueberry reduction, warm fig and mulled blackberry flavors pumping through, inlaid with fresh bay leaf, lavender and charcoal notes. The long finish lets the fruit play out, with an added ganache detail. Best from 2020 through 2035. 820 cases made.—J.M.

95 Eric & Joël Durand Cornas Empreintes 2015 \$48 Loads of chalky grip keeps this wrapped up tight, but the core of steeped plum, fig and blackberry fruit is brimming with energy, while bay leaf, licorice root and charcoal notes chomp at the bit on the finish. Cellaring will rein this in. Best from 2021 through 2035. 700 cases made.—J.M.

94 Jean-Luc Colombo Cornas Terres Brûlées 2015 \$58 Plush in feel, with layers of dark fig, blueberry and blackberry reduction leading the way, inlaid with light charcoal and bay leaf accents that emerge steadily through the finish. Ends with a tug of tar. Best from 2020 through 2035. 1,300 cases made.—J.M.

94 Eric & Joël Durand Cornas Prémices 2015 \$38 A warm, ripe, fleshy style, with layers of fig paste, raspberry pâte de fruit and blackberry confiture tumbling over each other. A racy and well-buried graphite spine keeps this honest, with mouthwatering anise and sweet tapenade details lining the finish. Best from 2020 through 2035. 1,500 cases made.—J.M.

94 Lautaret Cornas Emotion 2015 \$47 This is rock-solid, with a core of black currant, fig and blackberry compote flavors, held in check by racy charcoal and singed tobacco leaf notes. Bright acidity underscores the finish, adding lift and definition. Best from 2020 through 2035. 300 cases made.—J.M.

94 Julien Pilon Cornas L'Élégance du Caillou 2015 \$59 Very expressive, with juicy raspberry, plum and boysenberry compote flavors forming the core, which is laced liberally with bay, violet and white pepper notes. Offers a lovely underpinning of racy chalk through the finish. Best from 2020 through 2035. 180 cases made.—J.M.

94 François Villard Cornas Jouvét 2015 \$47 This flaunts ripeness, featuring overt raspberry pâte de fruit, cassis and cherry compote notes, yet stays racy, with riveting acidity and a very refined chalky spine, adding violet, black tea and anise details through the finish. Offers a long echo of bay leaf. A beauty. Best from 2020 through 2035. 370 cases made.—J.M.



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