

# Wine Spectator Insider

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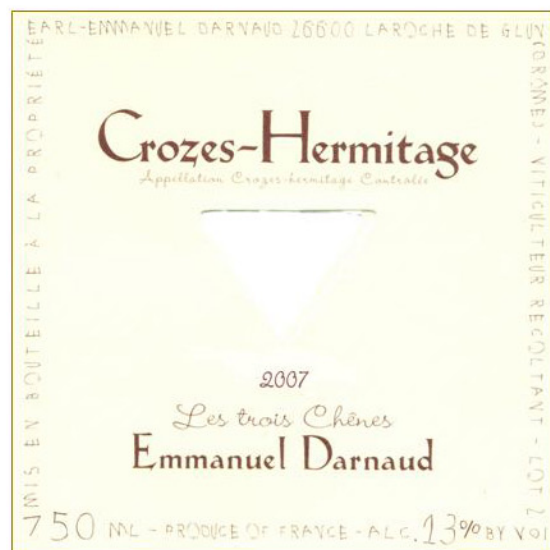
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THIS week's *Wine Spectator Insider* features another large batch of outstanding and classic-rated reds and whites from France's Rhône Valley. Nearly all of them come from the outstanding 2006 vintage, and this week's selections include classic wines from Hermitage and Côte-Rôtie.

Also in this issue, Bruce Sanderson reviews dessert wines from Hungary. All come from top Hungarian wineries Disznókő and The Royal Tokaji Wine Co., including a 97-point effort from 2000 which you'll find among the Hot Wines, on page 4. (For more on the dessert wines of Hungary, including an explanation of the *puttonyos* system, see Sanderson's March 25 and April 2 blog entries.)

Finally, Harvey Steiman covers outstanding Cabernets, Merlots and Syrahs from Washington. Almost all of them come from the state's outstanding 2006 vintage, including a Cabernet and a Merlot that each earn 91 points and are priced at just \$22.

## France Northern Rhône



### EMMANUEL DARNAUD

Crozes-Hermitage Les Trois Chênes 2007

**91 points | \$33 | 500 cases imported | Red**

Focused and pure, with lovely plum, black cherry and violet notes laced with a graphite underpinning. The finish is long and alluring. An impressive effort for the vintage. Drink now through 2011.—J.M.