

## **Emmanuel Darnaud 2016 Crozes-Hermitage Les Trois Chênes**

**Crozes Hermitage, Northern Rhône**

Red wine from France

**Drinking window: 2022 - 2029**

(made from destemmed fruit and raised in one-third new oak *barriques* and *demi-muids*) Deep bright-rimmed ruby. Smoke-accented black and blue fruits, mocha and a hint of olive paste on the perfumed nose. Silky, sweet and open-knit, offering energetic blackberry, cola and vanilla flavors that are energized by a vein of juicy acidity. Shows the energy of the vintage and finishes long and silky, with even tannins building slowly and adding shape and subtle grip.

**Josh Raynolds. Tasting date: April 2018**