

2017 Emmanuel Darnaud Crozes-Hermitage Les Trois Chenes

Looking at the two Crozes in 2017, the 2017 Crozes-Hermitage Les Trois Chênes comes from a mix of parcels and was 80% destemmed and brought up in demi-muids and larger barrels. Its deep ruby/purple color is followed by a terrific, almost Hermitage-like perfume of black fruits, scorched earth, ground pepper, new leather, and spice. This carries to a medium-bodied Crozes that has beautiful balance, a pure, clean, classic core of fruit, integrated acidity, and a great finish. Emmanuel Darnaud continues to make some of the best Crozes out there and readers should snatch up these wines.

The young Emanuel Darnaud is unquestionably one of the most talented winemakers in Crozes Hermitage. I'd call him a rising superstar, but I think he's already there.

- Jeb Dunnuck (12/12/2019)

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