

2017 Emmanuel Darnaud Saint Joseph Lieu Dit La Dardouille

Inky colored, the 2017 Saint Joseph Lieu Dit La Dardouille comes from a great vineyard in the southern part of the appellation and was 80% destemmed and brought up in demi-muids and barrels. Stunning notes of cassis, rare steak, ground pepper, crushed violets, and ample minerality all emerge from the glass, and this rich, powerful Saint Joseph has a stacked mid-palate, tons of sexy fruit, and a great finish. It's backward and primordial at the moment, so do your best to hide bottles for a good 4-5 years. It should keep for a decade.

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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