

2018 Emmanuel Darnaud Crozes-Hermitage Les Trois Chenes

The 2018 Crozes-Hermitage Les Trois Chênes comes from a mix of terroirs and both younger and older vines. It's 80% destemmed and is still resting is used demi-muids and larger barrels. As with the other 2018s, it has a saturated purple color to go with a beautifully pure bouquet of blueberries, blackberries, ground pepper, and leafy herbs. As with the Au Fil Du Temps, it has a kiss of background oak, medium to full body, ripe tannins, and the purity and elegance that's common in the vintage.

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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