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2018 Emmanuel Darnaud Saint Joseph Lieu Dit La Dardouille

The single vineyard 2018 Saint Joseph Lieu Dit La Dardouille from Darnaud comes from a south-facing site located south of Tournon, in the southern part of the appellation. Its deep purple color is followed by a smoking bouquet of cassis, blackberries, graphite, toasted spice, crushed flowers, and roasted meats. This fleshy, full-bodied, powerful Saint Joseph has wonderful purity of fruit, ripe tannins, and a plush, sexy texture that keeps you coming back to the glass. It's up with the top wines in the vintage and will benefit from short-term cellaring and drink well for upwards of 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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