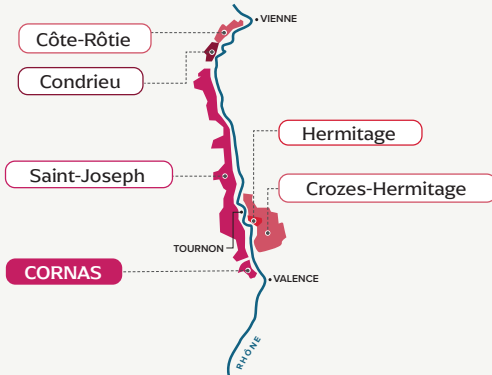




# DELAS



VARIETALS:  
100% Syrah

## CORNAS CHANTE-PERDRIX 2022 *Rhône, France*

### OVERVIEW

The vineyard lies entirely on the commune of Cornas located on the right Rhône river bank. The Cornas wines have been invariably famous since the 10th century. They were served to kings, both in France and elsewhere. AOC status and improved quality have enabled the vineyard to regain its reputation.

### WINEMAKING

All the grapes used in the “Chante-Perdrix” cuvée are picked by hand, plot by plot, at the time they reach their optimal maturity. The winemaking takes place in traditional, open-topped concrete tanks, after 3 days pre-fermentary skin contact at cool temperatures. The fermentation continues under computer controlled temperatures between 82°F to 86°F. Typically, 20% whole cluster. Daily cap pushing down and pumping over are carried out for about 10 days. The total vatting time can be up to 20 days.

**93**  
POINTS  
JEB DUNNUCK

The 2022 Cornas Chante-Perdrix presents a fascinating paradox. It is crafted from vines in the lieux-dits Champrose, Reynards and Saint-Pierre. The first two, Champrose and Reynards, were among the earliest plots harvested in 2022, while Saint-Pierre was the very last plot harvested by Maison Delas. Revealing a broody, introverted bouquet of iris, flowers, rose and licorice, it's medium to full-bodied, dense and powerful, characterized by structured tannins and a fleshy core of fruit, leading to a long, elegant and tense finish. Despite its austere, firm character, it's perfectly crafted.

**93**  
POINTS  
Wine Spectator

Concentrated and dense, this is still tightly wound. Wet slate and granite notes provide a solid foundation for this red's dark fruit, punctuated by spices and fine smokiness. Smoked lavender and a stylish cedar polish mark the formidable finish. One for the cellar. Best from 2027 through 2039.

**92**  
POINTS  
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A bold and vibrant expression of this appellation, but without any of the heaviness or inkiness you sometimes find. Dense blackberry fruit with stacks of baking spices and a touch of hot dry earth. Powerful and slightly robust on the full-bodied palate, where the generous tannins make quite a statement. Long, moderately dry finish. A cuvee of rather early-picked vineyards close to the village with very late-picked grapes from the high-altitude St. Pierre site. Vinified with 20% whole clusters. Best from 2026.



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