



DELAS FRÈRES NORTHERN RHÔNE 2022



ROUGE

Côte-Rôtie



Côte-Rôtie Seigneur de Maugiron 2022

94PTS Wine Spectator | Dense and sleek, with power behind the bitter cherry, dusty earth, black pepper, anise and singed bacon fat flavors, grounded by a solid spine of graphite and mineral energy. Cedar toast and wood spice details chime in, but not too assertively. Power builds for the savory, mouthwatering, sanguine finish, which stretches out. Drink now through 2033.

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Côte-Rôtie La Landonne 2022

97PTS JAMESUCKLING.COM ? | A very elegant expression of the Cote Brune section of this appellation, with stunning concentration, masses of super-silky tannins and fantastic tension. That drives the extremely long finish, which is as pointed and bright as a flashing fencing sword. Yes, this is a full-bodied wine, but you hardly think about the body. A pure syrah that was matured 100% in Burgundian oak casks for 15 months. Drink from release.

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Crozes-Hermitage



Crozes Hermitage Le Clos 2022

94PTS Wine Spectator | A seductive core of red fruit is flanked by cigar box and pepper on a silky palate amply dusted in graphite, cured meat and sandalwood smoke. Simmers with inner density and energy yet manages to stay light on its feet as this stretches on and on. Harmonious and seamless. Drink now through 2030. 350 cases made, 40 cases imported.

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Cornas



Cornas Chante Perdrix 2022

93PTS 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. 1,000 cases made, 100 cases imported.

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Saint-Joseph



St. Joseph François de Tournon 2022

94PTS JAMESUCKLING.COM ? | A concentrated and seriously structured St.-Joseph with an excellent tannin structure and some balsamic and stony complexity in the long, plush finish. A pure syrah that was matured exclusively in Burgundian oak barrels, of which almost 30% were new. Very good aging potential. Drink from 2026.



St. Joseph Sainte-Épine 2022

94PTS JAMESUCKLING.COM ? | Very compact core of fine tannins with a slightly austere elegance and a wet-stone freshness that make it stand out in this appellation. A single-vineyard syrah from granite soil and southerly exposure. A pure syrah that was matured exclusively in Burgundian oak barrels with less than a third new oak. Huge aging potential. Best from 2026.

Hermitage



Hermitage Ligne de Crête 2022

98PTS JAMESUCKLING.COM ? | Gigantic concentration and mineral tension that is not for the faint of heart in this very youthful form. Stacks of plush tannins, but no hint of anything aggressive (which is often part of young Hermitage). In fact, the finish is saline in a way that reminds me of oysters, which makes it unique in the Hermitage context. Vinified with 80% whole clusters. Matured 100% in Burgundian oak barrels, of which a quarter were new. Best from 2027.



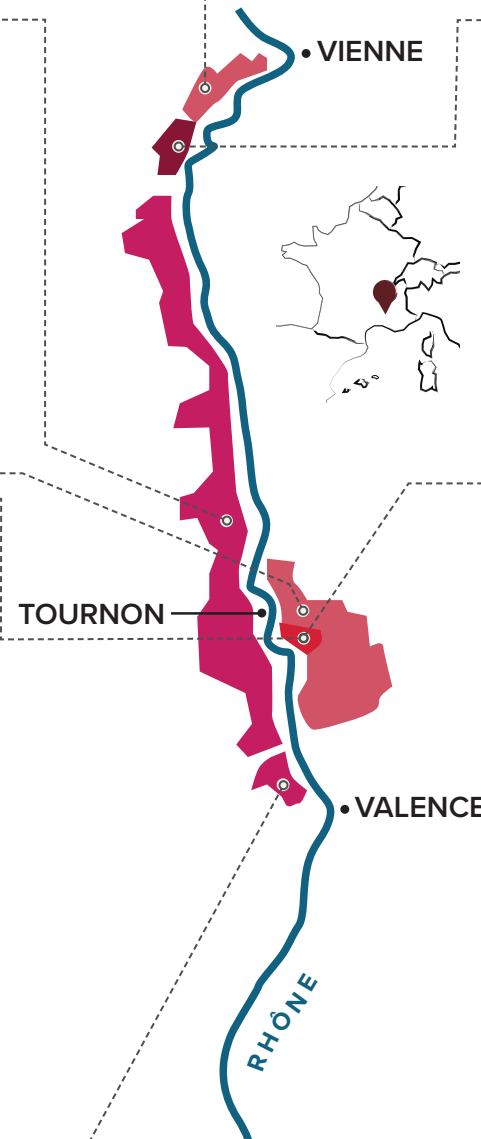
Hermitage Domaine des Tourettes 2022

94PTS Wine Spectator | A sleek, smoky, sultry red, with violet high tones gilding a dense, ripe palate of wild berries alongside a woody character. A salty mineral vein runs through, with an ample robe of grilled apple wood and spices that will further integrate with time. Polished tannins give this a solid frame, which is still a little tight. Best from 2026 through 2035.



Hermitage Les Bessards 2022

95PTS Wine Spectator | Large in scale, with a fresh burst of blackberry fruit, melted licorice and chalky mineral notes edged in mesquite ash. Maintains elegance, with lavender and bitter cherry pit high tones, all wrapped around a spine of graphite. Inviting at first, this soon reveals muscular tannins that need more time to unfurl. Earthy, smoky, singed incense underpinnings mark the powerful and focused close. Best from 2026 through 2038.



BLANC

Condrieu



Condrieu La Galopine 2022

94PTS JAMESUCKLING.COM ? | A fresh and bright wine for a pure viognier, with plenty of dried pear and apricot character plus a touch of lemon freshness. Impressive depth and remarkable energy for 14.5% alcohol. Long, elegant finish with plenty of structure in spite of the modest acidity. Drink or hold.



Condrieu Clos Boucher 2022

95PTS Decanter | Crystal clear aromatics of white flower, melon and peach which radiate onto the billowing, satin texture, with supple oak to nurture and a generous length.

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Hermitage



Hermitage Domaine des Tourettes Blanc 2022

94PTS Wine Spectator | Golden and honeyed, this offers a cascade of sunny orchard fruit, apricot and toasted macadamia. Supple in feel on the full-bodied palate, with a generous lacquer of toasty brioche warmth. White tea tannins build in power, giving this a structured, well-framed finish. Drink now through 2032.

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