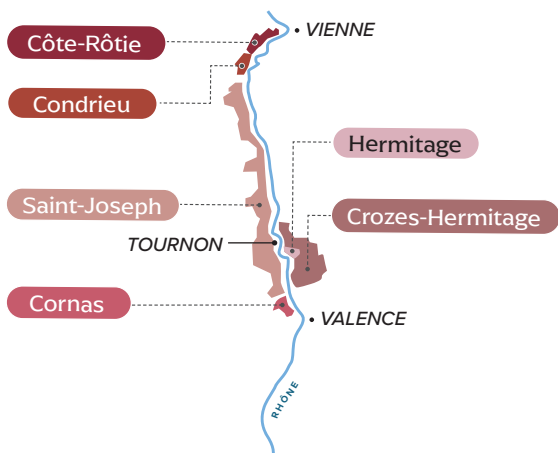




# NORTHERN RHÔNE 2023



The Delas Hermitage Lieu Dit Ligne de Crête Les Grande Vignes 2023 is a masterpiece of purity and wild herb freshness. This and the great mineral energy at the finish make it the best wine of modern times at this famous house.

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## ROUGE

### Côte-Rôtie



#### Côte-Rôtie La Landonne 2023

**97PTS JAMESSUCKLING.COM** | A giant Cote-Rotie, but this is a giant of subtlety and refinement. The spectrum of aromas is incredibly complex, the forest berry, spice, savory and mineral elements weaving a great tapestry. Enormous concentration is married to a mind-blowingly silky texture that extends right through the super-long and precise finish.

**95-97+ JEB DUNNUCK** | **93PTS vinCUs**



#### Côte-Rôtie Seigneur de Maugiron 2023

**94PTS JAMESSUCKLING.COM** | A serious Cote-Rotie that's currently quite closed, the black fruit aromas slowly expanding in the glass and gently pushing the graphite to one side. There's interplay of fine, generous tannins and beautifully ripe fruit. I love that the texture of the tannins switches from silky on the front palate to firmer and more velvety in the finish. Needs time for the complexity to develop. This is the first vintage of this wine, and it matured primarily in large oak foudres.

**94-96 JEB DUNNUCK** | **93PTS vinCUs**

### Saint-Joseph



#### St. Joseph Sainte-Épine 2023

**96PTS JAMESSUCKLING.COM** | An exceptionally full-bodied and rich wine for this appellation, but it is still quite closed. A compact structure of very fine tannins clothed in a cloud of black fruit aromas. Very long, velvety finish that somehow manages to be delicate in spite of the abundant power. A single-vineyard wine from a south-facing site. A pure syrah that was matured exclusively in Burgundian oak barrels, with less than a third new oak.

**92-95 JEB DUNNUCK**



#### St. Joseph François de Tournon 2023

**95PTS JAMESSUCKLING.COM** | How can you resist the deep nose of wild herbs and forest berries with a whiff of autumn bonfire smoke? With aeration the peppery character of syrah expands. The generosity of fruit and the finesse of the tannins on the very focused palate are balanced by a wonderful youthful freshness. Long, graceful finish. From vineyards in the historical heart of this appellation. 20% whole-cluster fermentation.

### Cornas



#### Cornas Chante Perdrix 2023

**93PTS JAMESSUCKLING.COM** | Very powerful and tannic, but also very fresh, this is a bold Cornas that makes a big statement on the very structured palate. Dense and dark with hot dry-earth character, plus black pepper and a hint of soot. Imposing and firm finish. A cuvee of early picked grapes from the bottom of the slope and grapes from a very high-altitude vineyard picked three weeks later.

**91-93 JEB DUNNUCK**

### Hermitage



#### Hermitage Ligne de Crête 2023

**99PTS JAMESSUCKLING.COM** | How can a wine as powerful and concentrated as a great Hermitage have this mind-blowing finesse? The stony and wind-swept nature of this vineyard site is precisely reflected in this masterpiece of purity, delicacy and wild herb freshness. It's hard to put all this into words, most of all the extraordinary mineral energy in the almost endless finish. From a vineyard site with up to 320 meters altitude.

**93-95 vinCUs**



#### Hermitage Les Bessards 2023

**98PTS JAMESSUCKLING.COM** | A haunting nose of raw meat, smoke and licorice. Incredible concentration, the power expertly reined in, with enormous finesse. As it aerates, the beautifully ripe forest berry aromas expand and expand. Then the fun really starts with the almost endless finish. Fundamental stony minerality glides over your palate and off into the distance. From an almost pure granite soil in one of the best sections of the hill of Hermitage.



#### Hermitage Domaine des Tourettes 2023

**95PTS JAMESSUCKLING.COM** | This stunning Hermitage is simultaneously expansive and graceful with a very wide spectrum of red-fruit aromas and very fine tannins. Also floral, wet-stone and graphite character. It would be hard not to love this for the wonderful harmony on the front- and mid-palates alone, then comes the fleshy yet structured finish that pulls you back for more. Matured only in oak casks, of which about 20% were new.

**93PTS vinCUs**

### Crozes-Hermitage



#### Crozes-Hermitage Le Clos 2023

**95PTS JAMESSUCKLING.COM** | Still very young and a little bit closed (with some graphite aroma), this great Crozes-Hermitage has a very compact structure and excellent concentration.

But what makes it really stand out is the wonderful freshness that lights up the long, stony finish. As the wine aerates in the glass, the peppery, savory and meaty aromas of syrah unfurl like a flag in the wind. From a small, west-facing slope that looks toward the Rhone. Excellent aging potential but can be drunk from release.

**92-94 JEB DUNNUCK**



#### Crozes-Hermitage Domaine des Grands Chemins 2023

**93PTS JAMESSUCKLING.COM** | Suave and elegant, this excellent Crozes-Hermitage has a fantastic balance of subtle forest-berry fruit with savory, licorice and meaty aromas, plus fine tannins on the medium-bodied palate. Gently builds at the very long finish. Selected from 20 hectares of vineyards in this appellation, mostly from 30-year-old vines. Matured half and half in oak casks and tanks.

## BLANC

### Condrieu



#### Condrieu Clos Boucher 2023

**95PTS JAMESSUCKLING.COM** | Seamless integration of ripe stone fruit, tropical flower and coconut aromas with restrained richness and fine oak tannins. I love the textural complexity of this seductive Condrieu on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Long, creamy finish with delightful citrus freshness. From a site very close to Chateau Grillet, with more than 40-year-old vines. Matured in Burgundian oak barrels for one year, then a further six months on the lees in stainless steel.

**94-96 JEB DUNNUCK** | **92 vinCUs**



#### Condrieu La Galopine 2023

**93PTS JAMESSUCKLING.COM** | A bright and expressive Condrieu with a wealth of papaya, mango and ripe star-fruit aromas that deftly fill out the medium- to full-bodied palate. Excellent balance at the long finish that's very clean in spite of the modest acidity.

**93PTS JEB DUNNUCK**

### Hermitage



#### Hermitage Domaine des Tourettes Blanc 2024

**95-97PTS JEB DUNNUCK** | The 2024 Hermitage Domaine Des Tourettes Blanc reveals quince, honeyed white flowers, mint, and a beautiful sense of minerality on the nose. It's medium to full-bodied, has a pure, layered, finesse-driven mouthfeel, and its oak is beautifully integrated. It has richness and freshness as well as a great finish. It's up with the crème de la crème of the vintage.