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2016 TARDIEU-LAURENT VACQUEYRAS OLD VINES - \$44.99

70% Grenache (over 60 years old), 15% Syrah (40 years old), 15% Mourvèdre (40 years old), 50% destemmed. Terroir: Sarriens Plateau, La Ponche, Les Grès, Les Pendants. Ageing: 12 months in one- and two-year-old barrels and another 10 months in foudres (Allier – Tronçais).

Mid crimson. Spicy, transparent nose. Broad and polished. Tastes somehow purple and sumptuous. Not short of alcohol but there is flavour here in spades too. 17.5/20 JancisRobinson.com

2016 TARDIEU-LAURENT GIGONDAS OLD VINES - \$49.99

80% Grenache (80 to over 100 years old), 10% Syrah (80 to over 100 years old), 10% Mourvèdre (80 to over 100 years old), 33% destemmed. Terroir: La Boussière, Les Garrigues, Les Dentelles, Les Teysonnières, Gour de Chaulé. Ageing: 12 months in one- and two-year-old barrels plus another 12 months in Foudres (Allier – Tronçais).

Mid crimson. Too concentrated to have much aroma at present although one can tell how ripe the grapes were. Massively Grenachoid with a spread of spices and herbs across the palate. There is southern Rhône history here. Real soul. You want to speed up its evolution to see what it will eventually deliver ... Very impressive if embryonic. 17.5/20 JancisRobinson.com

2016 TARDIEU-LAURENT RASTEAU OLD VINES - \$39.99

65% Grenache (80 years old), 25% Syrah (40 years old), 10% Mourvèdre (40 years old), 66% destemmed. Terroir: Limestone-clay slopes and blue clay. Ageing: 12 months in one- and two-year-old barrels plus 8 months in Foudre (Allier – Tronçais).

Bright crimson. Hedonistic, heady, super-ripe nose with great lift and juicy refreshment on the finish. Masses of black fruit flavours overlay some very fine tannins. There's something (agreeably) medicinal about this. And you could almost drink it straightaway. Although it clearly has a long life ahead of it. 17/20 JancisRobinson.com

2016 TARDIEU-LAURENT CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE - \$54.99

75% Grenache (60 to 80 years old), 20% Syrah (40 years old), 5% Mourvèdre (60 to 80 years old), 50% destemmed. Terroir: Plateau de Mont Redon, Les Bédines, La Crau, Cabrières. Ageing: 12 months in one- and two-year-old barrels plus another 10 in Foudres (Allier – Tronçais).

Bright crimson. Really rich, vibrant and accessible on the nose (more so than, for instance, their Gigondas). Very charming with rounded tannins and an undertow of bloodiness. The Syrah gives this a bit of immediacy and freshness, presumably. Really interesting, though not one of the most concentrated 2016s from this stable. 17/20 JancisRobinson.com

2016 TARDIEU-LAURENT CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE OLD VINES - \$74.99

85% Grenache (80 to under 100 years old), 10% Syrah (50 years old), 5% Mourvèdre (60 to 80 years old), 66% destemmed. Terroir: La Crau, Les Cardioles, Coste Froide, Cabrières, Bois Dauphin. Ageing: 12 months in one-year-old barrels plus 12 months in foudre (Allier – Tronçais).

Mid crimson. Real lift to this wine. Very aromatic and then so sweet and round on the palate! You want to gobble it up immediately. The tannins can, just, be discerned underneath but it's already all charm, spice and intensity. Great balance. 18/20 JancisRobinson.com

2016 TARDIEU-LAURENT CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE SPECIAL - \$74.99

99% Grenache (over 100 years old), 1% mystery grape! 100% whole bunches. Terroir: Bottom of La Crau on sandy soils. Ageing: 12 months in two- and three-year-old barrels plus 6 months in foudre.

Not as deeply crimson as the other two 2016 Châteauneufs from this producer. The sand may explain. Very fragrant and lifted. Already quite expressive on the nose, and apparently not as dense as its stablemates. Very round and charming on the front palate. Masses of both tannin and acidity underneath but it's the smoothly polished fruit that grabs the attention. There's a note of tamarind as well as of red glacé cherries here. All pleasure but it definitely should evolve further. Rich red fruit. Extra complexity already compared with the Vieilles Vignes version. 18.5/20 JancisRobinson.com

2016 TARDIEU-LAURENT CROZES HERMITAGE OLD VINES - \$44.99

100% Syrah (60 years old). 66% destemmed. Terroir: Larnage, Battis, Gervans, slopes in Mercurol. Ageing: 12 months in new and one-year-old oak plus 6 months in foudre (Tronçais – Allier).
Mid purplish crimson. Not the intense colour of the south. Meaty and lifted. Very fragrant. Racy and round. Super supple with a little salty savour on the end. Really very impressive indeed. 16.5/20 JancisRobinson.com

2016 TARDIEU-LAURENT ST JOSEPH OLD VINES - \$54.99

100% Syrah, including Sérine (Syrah 60 years old and Sérine over 100 years old). 66% destemmed. Terroir: La Madonne sur Chavanay, Coteaux Vitrine sur Saint-Pierre de Boëuf, Sainte-Epine sur Saint-Jean de Muzols, Les Oliviers sur Mauve. Ageing: 12 months in new and one-year-old oak plus 8 months in foudre (Tronçais – Allier).
Very ripe and sweet – Floral notes – most unusual. Perhaps those are the Sérine? It's certainly not classic St-Joseph, though it does finish very neatly on a savoury note. Very transparent – almost filigree. 16.5/20 JancisRobinson.com

2016 TARDIEU-LAURENT CORNAS COTEAUX - \$59.99

100% Syrah and Sérine (60–100 years old). 66% destemmed. Terroir: Les Savaux, Les Chaillots, Patou at the bottom of the slopes. Ageing: 12 months in new and one-year-old oak plus 8 months in foudre (Allier - Tronçais - Jupilles).
Deep purple. Briney northern Rhône Syrah nose. Liquid leather. Admirably juicy for a Cornas. Lots to savour with fruit in abundance and a dry finish. Polished. Undertow of elderberries. Pretty smart. 17/20 JancisRobinson.com

2016 TARDIEU-LAURENT COTE ROTIE - \$105

100% Sérine and Syrah (50 years old). 1/3 destemmed. Terroir: Landonne, Chavaroché, Côte de Rozier, Les Rochains and Lancement. Ageing: 12 months in new and one-year-old oak plus 10 months in foudre (Allier - Tronçais - Jupilles).
Mid purplish crimson. Very heady cocktail of blossom and warm stones on the nose. The tannins have been beautifully worked. This is a real charmer with delicacy and finesse. You want to drink this straight away! Supple and transparent with lightly sandy tannins. Evidence of such a gentle hand. ... Entrancing. 18.5/20 JancisRobinson.com

2016 TARDIEU-LAURENT HERMITAGE - \$105

100% Sérine, Syrah (60 years old). Terroir: Rouméas, Pierrelles and les Diognères. Ageing: 12 months in new and one-year-old oak plus 10 months in foudre (Allier - Tronçais - Jupille).
Mid crimson. Savoury with mid concentration. Not quite as compelling as the Côte Rôtie, though admittedly much more youthful. A solid effort – and Hermitage is meant to be nothing if not solid. 17+/20 JancisRobinson.com

2017 TARDIEU-LAURENT ST PERAY - \$49.99

No notes available.

2017 TARDIEU-LAURENT CONDRIEU - \$74.99

No notes available.

2016 RENÉ ROSTAING 'PUECH NOBLE' ROUGE (LANGUEDOC) - \$49.99

70% Syrah, 15% Grenache, 15% Mourvedre (from vines planted 1985-1990), from limestone soils. Aged 50% in enamel vats and 50% used oak casks. No notes available.

2016 RENÉ ROSTAING 'LES LEZARDES' SYRAH - \$49.99

Dark red. Has a nicely free nose that presents black fruits with a herbs, vegetal touch from the stems. The palate gives a stream of tight black fruit with fresh and live tannins that are enjoyable, tasty even, adding good darkness. There is light reduction. This has promise, good integrity, with lift from those stems. There is crunch in its good finish. DrinkRhone.com

From the 2015 vintage - Bright violet. Ripe black and blue fruits and pungent flowers on the highly perfumed, mineral- and spice-accented nose. Juicy and seamless in texture, offering sweet blueberry and cassis flavors along with hints of cracked pepper and olive paste. Fine-grained tannins build slowly on a very long, smooth finish that leaves hints of licorice and candied violet behind.
91/100 Vinous

2016 RENÉ ROSTAING COTE ROTIE 'AMPODIUM' - \$105

I tasted from a barrel that Rostaing said represented something "close to the final blend" of the 2016 Cote Rotie Ampodium. This medium-bodied wine features classic notes of violets, spice and raspberries and has ample flesh covering its silky, tea-like backbone of ripe tannins. 91-93/100 Wine Advocate

2016 RENÉ ROSTAING COTE ROTIE 'LA LANDONNE' - \$205

I was blown away by the completeness of the 2016 Cote Rotie la Landonne from barrel. Incredible floral aromas bring both violets and roses to mind, plus layers of raspberry fruit and complex spice notes. It's medium to full-bodied with a terrific, silky mouthfeel and a long, long finish. 97-99/100 Wine Advocate

2016 RENÉ ROSTAING COTE ROTIE 'COTE BLONDE' - \$220

It's worth reminding readers that this is from a specific lieu-dit and is not a blend of plots from the larger Côte Blonde. The 2016 Cote Rotie La Cote Blonde comes close to equaling the quality of the La Landonne, echoing that wine's floral notes but in a slightly more herbal way. The raspberries here are more briary, the roses more evocative of hips than flowers. It's medium to full-bodied with a rich, velvety texture and a tremendous finish. 96-98/100 Wine Advocate

2017 RENÉ ROSTAING CONDRIEU - \$105

No notes available.