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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
Lurid ruby. Highly expressive aromas of raspberry, cherry liqueur and candied flowers are complemented by a smoky mineral topnote. Appealingly sweet and silky on the palate, offering intense red fruit preserve flavors that deepen and spread out steadily with air. Shows candied licorice and allspice flourishes on an impressively long, sappy finish framed by smooth, slow-building tannins. 92-94 Vinous

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
Vivid ruby. Bright, mineral-accented raspberry and lavender pastille scents show very good clarity and pick up a pungent garrigue accent with air. Offers sappy, penetrating red fruit, floral pastille and spicecake flavors and a spicy jolt of white pepper. The mineral note comes back on a persistent, subtly sweet, red-berry-dominated finish framed by smooth, fine-grained tannins. 91-93 Vinous

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

Deep bright-rimmed ruby. A complex, highly perfumed bouquet evokes ripe red and blue fruit, exotic spice and floral aromas complemented by a vibrant mineral quality that builds as the wine stretches out. Sweet, seamless and broad on the palate, offering concentrated raspberry, boysenberry and spicecake flavors that show superb clarity and focus. The mineral and floral components drive an extremely long, smooth finish given shape by rounded, harmonious tannins. This wine's interplay of depth and clarity is pretty impressive. 93-95 Vinous

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, Batis, 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

"Brilliant purple. Vibrant, mineral-accented aromas of fresh blue fruits, olive and candied licorice, joined by a steadily building peppery nuance. Juicy, focused and gently sweet, offering intense boysenberry and spiced flavors and a touch of allspice. The mineral note comes back strong on a very long, penetrating finish that leaves a sexy violet pastille note behind." (91-93)/100 Josh Raynolds, Vinous.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 Bœuf, 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. Undertone 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, Chavaroche, 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

"Bright purple. A highly expressive, spice-accented bouquet evokes fresh black raspberry, blueberry, candied flowers, incense and Indian spices. Palate-staining red and blue fruit compote flavors are complicated by hints of cracked pepper and violet pastille, and a black cardamom nuance gains strength in the glass. Discreet, pliant tannins add gentle grip to a very long, incisive finish that strongly echoes the floral and mineral notes." (93-95)/100 Josh Raynolds, Vinous.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

"Opaque ruby. Deep-pitched cherry, blackberry and incense aromas are complemented by smoky mineral and spice nuances. Broad, sappy black and blue fruit flavors show an outstanding blend of power and finesse, and a sexy floral pastille nuance builds in the glass. Impressively lively for its heft thanks to a core of juicy acidity that adds nervy back-end cut. Finishes very long and sweet, with supple tannins coming in late." (93-95)/100 Josh Reynolds, Vinous.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

"Bright violet. Expressive black and blue fruit, floral pastille and peppery spice aromas display a bright mineral quality and a suggestion of woodsmoke. Intense blueberry and bitter cherry flavors show excellent clarity and spicy lift, picking up star anise and cola nuances on the back half. Delivers a serious punch of dark fruit flavor but comes off surprisingly lithe, and finishes with smooth tannins and strong tenacity." (91-93)/100 Josh Reynolds, Vinous.com

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

"Brilliant violet. Ripe black and blue fruit, cherry cola, olive and a pungent floral note on the deeply perfumed nose; a peppery element adds complexity. Plush blackberry, bitter cherry and spicecake flavors display excellent clarity and take a sweeter turn with air. The supple, extremely persistent finish shows superb detail, and pliant tannins fold quickly into the sappy, strikingly persistent dark fruit." (94-96)/100 Josh Reynolds, Vinous.com

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

"Lurid purple. Pungent aromas of ripe red berries, potpourri and smoky minerals pick up a spicy nuance as the wine stretches out. Silky and seamless in the mouth, displaying superb clarity to the sappy, mineral-laced black raspberry, boysenberry, candied violet and spicecake flavors. Shows a distinctly finesseful, even Burgundian character and finishes wonderfully long and sweet, with building tannins framing the intense fruit and floral qualities." (95-97)/100 Josh Reynolds, Vinous.com

2017 RENÉ ROSTAING CONDRIEU - \$105

No notes available.