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2018 <b>Tardieu Laurent</b> Condrieu	\$79.99
2018 <b>Rene Rostaing</b> Condrieu La Bonnette	\$105.00

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## REDS

### **2017 Tardieu Laurent Rasteau Old Vines - \$39.99**

Élevage for the 2017 Rasteau Vieilles Vignes consisted of a year in barrel, followed by six months in foudres, so the wine was still in wood during my June visit. A blend of 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre, it offers plentiful notes of cinnamon and clove, hints of vanilla and spice cake, plus raspberries and plums. It's full-bodied, velvety and lush, probably best consumed over the next 5-6 years. 89-91 Wine Advocate

### **2017 Tardieu Laurent Vacqueyras Old Vines - \$44.99**

Still in wood, the 2017 Vacqueyras Vieilles Vignes is a blend of 70% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre and 10% Syrah. It was in barrels for a year, then moved into foudres, where it will stay for about eight months. Hints of cinnamon and clove mark the nose, but the dominant impression is of vivid raspberry and cherry fruit. It's medium to full-bodied, with a long, silky finish. 90-92 Wine Advocate

### **2017 Tardieu Laurent Gigondas Old Vines - \$54.99**

The impressive 2017 Gigondas Vieilles Vignes is 90% Grenache, sourced from up in the Dentelles above the village. It's lifted and floral on the nose, backing those notes with mixed cherries. Full-bodied, rich and velvety, it's a touch open-knit, with hints of orange zest on the long finish. Drink it over the next 7-8 years. 91-93 Wine Advocate

### **2017 Tardieu Laurent Chateauneuf du Pape Special - \$84.99**

From a parcel of Grenache in la Crau (ouest)'s sandy soils, the 2017 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Speciale is the pick of the T-L CdP lineup. Yes, there's hallmark cedar and vanilla touches, but once past those, there's incredible raspberry and kirsch flavors. Full-bodied, supple and creamy across the palate, it ends silky and long, with intense fruit coming through on the finish. 94-96 Wine Advocate

### **2017 Tardieu Laurent Chateauneuf du Pape Old Vines - \$84.99**

A blend of 70% Grenache, 27% Mourvèdre and 3% other varieties, mostly from galets roulés, the 2017 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes features dark notes of leather, dried spices, plum and cola. It's full-bodied, rich and concentrated, with a long, velvety finish. It should drink well for a decade or more. 91-93 Wine Advocate

### **2017 Tardieu Laurent St Joseph Old Vines - \$54.99**

Vivid purple. Displays powerful aromas of dark berry and cherry preserves, baking spices and incense, with a smoky nuance that builds as the wine gets air. Fleshy and broad on the palate but lively as well, offering intense blackberry, boysenberry flavors and a suave touch of candied flowers. Finishes seamless, juicy and impressively long, with an echo of violet and discreet tannins that add shape and subtle grip. (50% whole clusters) 92-93 Vinous

### **2017 Tardieu Laurent Crozes Hermitage Old Vines - \$49.99**

Brilliant magenta. Highly perfumed aromas of ripe cherry and dark berries, candied flowers, cracked pepper and smoky minerals. Juicy and seamless in the mouth, offering bitter cherry, blackcurrant and spicecake flavors that show very good clarity and become sweeter as the wine opens up. Finishes on a sexy floral note, displaying strong tenacity, interwoven tannins and a late suggestion of olive 92-93 Vinous

### **2017 Tardieu Laurent Cote Rotie Old Vines - \$105**

Opaque ruby. Deeply pitched, mineral-accented aromas of blackberry, cherry pie and violet are complemented by a suave suggestion of exotic spices. Sappy and alluringly sweet, offering palate-staining black/blue fruit, floral pastille and spicecake flavors and a subtle hint of salty olive. Finishes sweet, seamless and extremely long, displaying sharply delineated mineral and floral pastille notes and steadily building tannins. (all whole clusters) 94-95 Vinous

100% Sérine clone (more than 60 years old). 100% stems. Fruit from Landonne, Lancement and Chavaroche. 12 months in new- and one-year-old oak plus a further 12 months in foudres (Tronçais and Allier). Deep purple. What a contrast to the regular Côte Rôtie 2017 from this producer! Very intense and savoury – like essence of the appellation. Juicy and salty with very intense, super-appetising fruit in the middle. Very glamorous and ambitious. Excellent freshness and structure. A very serious wine that delivers a great deal of pleasure. 17.5/20 Jancis Robinson.com

### **2017 Tardieu Laurent Hermitage - \$110**

Inky ruby. Expressive cherry, blueberry and violet aromas are complemented by hints of exotic spices and smoky minerals. Succulent and broad on the palate, offering deeply concentrated, spice-laced black/blue fruit flavors and a violet pastille quality that builds on the back half. Broad and densely packed, yet lively as well, finishing with sharp delineation, youthful, firm tannins and strong, floral-driven persistence. (all de-stemmed fruit) 93-94 Vinous

100% Sérine clone (60 years old). Fruit from: Le Méal, Pierrelles and Les Diognières. 12 months' ageing in new and one-year-old oak plus a further 10 months in foudres (Allier, Tronçais and Jupille).

Mid purplish crimson. Intense, very youthful and rather tarry nose – quite different from the other 2017 northern Rhône reds from this producer. Explosive and dramatic on the nose. Some juice in the middle seeping out from between rocks aplenty. Chunky and solid on the palate with a massive potential for ageing. Exciting array of spice and mineral notes on the palate. Very serious stuff. Probably made in tiny quantities but worth seeking out. 18/20 Jancis Robinson.com

### **2017 Rene Rostaing Cote Rotie Ampodium - \$105**

Brilliant violet color. An expansive bouquet evokes ripe black/blue fruits, potpourri and olive paste. A lively mineral nuance builds in the glass. Shows impressive depth and energy on the palate, offering sappy dark berry, spicecake and violet flavors that are braced by a spine of juicy acidity. Shows an appealingly light touch for its heft and finishes on a subtly tannic note, displaying sharp delineation and mineral thrust. 92-93 Vinous

### **2017 Rene Rostaing Cote Rotie La Landonne - \$215**

Dark purple. Mineral- and spice-accented blackberry, cherry compote and violet on the deeply perfumed nose. Shows superb depth as well as energy on the palate, offering sweet blackcurrant, cherry and candied violet flavors that are complemented by smoky bacon and cracked pepper nuances. Closes smoky, broad and very long, displaying repeating mineral, floral qualities and youthful tannic grip. 93-95 Vinous

### **2017 Rene Rostaing Cote Rotie Cote Blonde - \$230**

Deep, brilliant ruby color. A highly aromatic bouquet evokes ripe black/blue fruits, peony, exotic spices and smoky minerals. Smooth and focused on the palate, offering deeply concentrated, yet lively black raspberry, boysenberry floral pastille, spicecake flavors and building spiciness. Finishes smooth, sappy and impressively long, with chewy tannins lending shape and grip to lingering dark berry and floral tastes. 94-96 Vinous

### **2017 Rene Rostaing Les Lezardes Rouge - \$49.99**

Substantially riper and more concentrated than the 2016, yields for the 2017 IGP Collines Rhodaniennes les Lezardes Syrah were down by 20%, said Pierre Rostaing. It's still fragrant, spicy and herbal up front, but with rich red fruit flavors and a healthy dose of tannins on the finish. 89-91 Wine Advocate

### **2017 Rene Rostaing Puech Noble Rouge - \$49.99**

### **2017 Lionnet Cornas Terre Brulee - \$74.99**

Inky ruby. Powerful, deeply perfumed aromas of black and blue fruit preserves, licorice and olive, along with a sexy floral overtone. Coats the palate with juicy blackberry, boysenberry, violet pastille and spicecake flavors, while a smoky mineral flourish adds vibrant lift. Chewy tannins shape an impressively long, mineral-accented finish that shows very good power and spicy thrust. 93/100 *Vinous*

### **2017 Janasse Chateauneuf du Pape - \$74.99**

A blend of 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre and 5% other varieties, the 2017 Chateauneuf du Pape is full-bodied, supple and easy to drink, loaded with concentrated black raspberries spiced with hints of clove, allspice and clove. It's a ripe, plush wine to enjoy in its first decade. 91/100 *Wine Advocate*

### **2017 Janasse Chateauneuf du Pape Chaupin - \$110**

The all-Grenache 2017 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Chaupin is sourced from sandy soils and ages in a combination of foudres and demi-muids. It shows more structure than the regular cuvée, supporting the ripe raspberry and blackberry fruit with bright acids and velvety tannins. Full-bodied and rich, it's long, picking up hints of licorice on the finish. 94/100 *Wine Advocate*

### **2017 Janasse Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes - \$150**

The 2017 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Vieilles Vignes derives from parcels planted on classic clay and galets roulés soils. It's 65% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah and 5% other varieties. Tight, intense, even clenched, it's in need of several years' cellaring before it becomes truly enjoyable to drink. For now, those gorgeous black cherries are restrained behind a firm wall of tannins. Full-bodied and rich, this is ripe, it just requires patience. 97/100 *Wine Advocate*

### **2017 Bastide St Dominique Chateauneuf du Pape - \$54.99**

80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 7% Mourvèdre, 3% Cinsault. Tobacco, chocolate and cooked plum fruit on the nose. Thick, oily, tarry style but there is lovely fruit definition too – blueberry, cranberry, loganberry. Great length with spicy complexity. A great example of Châteauneuf's power without being forced. Shows how the style can have both power and nuance. 17/20 *Jancis Robinson.com*

A blend of 80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 7% Mourvèdre and 3% Cinsault from mainly sandy sites, the 2017 Chateauneuf du Pape aged in tank (both stainless steel and concrete). Dark and brooding, it boasts notes of black olive and roasted meat, plus cola, espresso and dried spices. Full-bodied and velvety, it has some chewy tannins on the finish, so give it a couple of years in the cellar. 91/100 *Wine Advocate*

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