

Talking with the Rhône Valley's

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IGP Collines Rhodaniennes “La Combe Pilate” 2017

“From vines around the house of Michel, which is just outside of Tain l’Hermitage, the 2017 IGP Collines Rhodaniennes La Combe Pilate is 100% Viognier that was brought up mostly in stainless steel. It offers an exotic bouquet of quince, honeysuckle, orange blossom, and flowers. Rich, medium to full-bodied, and just beautifully textured, it's ideal for drinking over the coming year or two.”

2017 “La Combe Pilate”

IGP COLLINES RHODANIENNES

100% Viognier

2016 “Chante Alouette”

HERMITAGE

100% Marsanne

2012 “Monier de la Sizeranne”

HERMITAGE

100% Syrah

2016 “La Bernardine”

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

90% Grenache, 5% Mourvedre, 5% Syrah

Hermitage “Chante Alouette” 2016

“Moving to the Hermitage releases, the 2016 Hermitage Chante-Alouette comes from a mix of terroirs (granite, sedimentary, and loess) and was brought up 65% in used demi-muids, with the balance in stainless steel. This medium gold-colored beauty boasts terrific notes of caramelized citrus, orange blossom, and honeycomb and is a rich, full-bodied, and powerful Marsanne that's going to evolve for 15-20 years.”

Hermitage “Monier de la Sizeranne” 2012

“The 2012 Hermitage Sizeranne is drinking beautifully today, with complex notes of blackcurrants, smoked herbs, game, saddle leather, and peppery nuances. Relatively mature yet still youthful, with resolved tannins, it has a beautiful sense of elegance, terrific length, and the classic minerality that this appellation is known for. In short, it’s an outstanding Hermitage to enjoy anytime over the coming decade.”

Châteauneuf-du-Pape “La Bernardine” 2016

“The entry-level Châteauneuf-du-Pape is the 2016 La Bernardine, a blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre from equal parts sandy and rolled stone terroirs. Medium to full-bodied, supple and sexy, with notes of lavender, black cherries, blackberries, and pepper spice, it should be drunk over the coming 7-8 years.”

