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Delas Frères
Domaine des Tourettes 2016
Rouge Hermitage

Far less open than their Les Bessards on the nose, and not as ripe either. Still plenty of weight and shape on the palate. Should last plenty of time in bottle – indeed, it needs several years before the flavours will really flourish. Manicured tannin will be drinkable soon. An excellent effort.

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Delas Frères
Domaine des Tourettes 2016
Blanc Hermitage

Buttery, spicy nose and ripe, concentrated tropical fruit. Density, length, richness – this is classic Hermitage. Creamy texture. Sweetcorn and spice on the finish. Superpowered and lengthy.

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Delas Frères
Domaine des Grands Chemins
2016 Rouge Crozes-Hermitage

Blackberry and herry – more dense and savoury than their Le Clos cuvée. Fine, dusty tannin, fresh acidity and a long savoury finish with a black-olive bitterness. Delicious!

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Delas Frères
Seigneur de Maugiron 2016
Rouge Côte Rôtie

Much more peppery than their Landonne, with crunchier, better defined fruit. Expertly handled tannin gives texture and chalkiness without astringency. Concentrated and lengthy on the finish.

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Delas Frères
Les Bessards 2016
Rouge Hermitage

Fabulous pepper spice, black olive and dark berry fruit. A nose to linger over! Excellent flavour expression on the palate with liquorice, iodine and soy flavours. By no means austere on the finish – the tannin has softness and drinkability to it, even now.

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Delas Frères
Saint François de Tournon 2016
Rouge Saint Joseph

Black fruit which is slightly marred by reduction on the nose, but the palate is pure and fragrant with a wonderfully crystalline peppery note on the finish. A great show of how expressive St-Joseph can be.

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Delas Frères
Chante Perdrix 2016
Rouge Cornas

Deep and powerful on the palate – excellent clarity of fruit with finely layered tannin giving appropriate grip. Very savoury to finish – not quite austere, but definitely with some bitterness.

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Delas Frères
Sainte Epine 2016
Rouge Saint Joseph

Oak and fruit combining well on the nose, giving equal parts of spice and black cherry. Full body, fine tannin, plenty of fruit intensity on the mid palate and great length.



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Delas Frères
Le Clos 2016
Rouge Crozes-Hermitage

Perfumed and eloquent nose with a lot of fresh oak spice and wonderful aromatic piquancy. Wonderfully clean black fruit and lightness of body. Reasonably short finish, but the purity of flavour is exemplary.

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Delas Frères
Haute Pierre 2016
Rouge Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Cask sample. Excellent purity and clarity here, with good balance and integration of tannin, body and intensity. The flavour profile is pretty simple on the finish, but offers enough concentration to recommend bottle age.

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Delas Frères
Clos Boucher 2016
Blanc Condrieu

Buttery, generous and fulsome on the palate, with the same refreshing structure as their Galopine. Warm finish, well-delineated stone-fruit flavours.

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Delas Frères
Galopine 2016
Blanc Condrieu

A little reductive edge on the palate adds a flinty note to the fleshy, creamy palate and juicy apricot fruit. Just enough freshness on the finish to counter the big alcohol and fruit.

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Delas Frères
La Landonne 2016
Rouge Côte Rôtie

Powerful smoky scent on the nose. Full, thick texture on the palate with ripe bramble fruit and smooth tannin. Certainly showing the bounty of the vintage, with fullness and ripeness. Moderate length, a bit of floral character on the finish.

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Delas Frères
Domaine des Genêts 2016
Rouge Vacqueyras

Charred beef and violet with moreish ripe black fruit. Stylish and fragrant and expertly balanced. Lots of immediate enjoyment up front with medium body and moderate persistence.

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Delas Frères
Les Reinages 2016
Rouge Gigondas

More red fruit than their Vacqueyras, with fleshy body, firm tannin and lovely complex chocolate and sweet spice aromas on the finish.

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Delas Frères
Les Launes 2016
Blanc Crozes-Hermitage

Nuts, stone fruit, red apple. Soft and drinkable and quite low in acidity but not unrefreshing to finish. Authentic Rhône fullness.



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