



Reviews & Accolades

## **LES LAUNES CROZES-HERMITAGE 2016**

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Sam Kim, October 2017

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5 Stars & 94 Points

A fabulous expression of syrah, the wine offers fragrant aromas of dark plum, blackcurrant, pepper spice and violet aromas on the nose. The palate is concentrated and plump, and displays gorgeous fruit purity and silky texture, leading to a sustained finish with vibrant fruit and savoury flavours. At its best: now to 2021.

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Raymond Chan, October 2017

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4 Stars & 17.5 / 20 Points

Full, even purple-hued ruby-red colour, a little lighter on the edge, and youthful in appearance. The nose is elegantly concentrated with an amalgam of dark-red and black berried fruits entwined with dark herbs, some minerally reduction, unfolding raspberry liqueur and peppery elements. This is well-proportioned with good depth. Medium-bodied, the palate is finely concentrated with deep and intense flavours of vibrant blackberry and raspberry fruit entwined with dark herbs, pepper and minerally reduction notes. The fruit has vitality and energy, and is supported by fine, grainy tannin extraction, flowing with good linearity. The fruit carries with underlying drive to a lingering, concentrated finish of dark raspberries, herbs and minerals. This is an elegantly concentrated Crozes-Hermitage with blackberry and dark raspberry fruit, and peppery, herbal and reductive detail on a fine-grained textural palate with good length. Serve with game meat dishes and semi-hard cheeses over the next 6-8+ years. 100% Syrah, hand-picked, destemmed and fermented to 13.0% alc., a portion aged in oak barrels.