



Reviews & Accolades

## **CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE SAINT-ESPRIT 2016**

### **DECANTER ASIA WINE AWARDS**

September 2017

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Gold Medal & 95 points

Lovely rich opulent and floral, black berry and plum nose, the palate is big with well layered fruit, attractively firm but soft tannin and hints of oak, a big wine with a lovely finish.

### **WINEORBIT.CO.NZ**

Sam Kim, October 2017

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5 Stars & 93 Points

An impressive Cotes du Rhone, the powerfully expressed bouquet shows Black Doris plum, mixed berry compote, clove and toasted nut aromas, followed by a concentrated palate that is wonderfully weighted and fleshy. The wine delivers loads of tasty flavours backed by chalky tannins, finishing attractively firm and sturdy. At its best: now to 2020.

### **RAYMONDCHANWINERREVIEWS.CO.NZ**

Raymond Chan, October 2017

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4 Stars & 17.5+ / 20 Points

Very full, dark, black-hued ruby-red colour with purple hues, very youthful in appearance. The nose is full with accessible aromas of savoury dark-red berryfruit with harmoniously integrated notes of dried herbs and earthy elements, unfolding some red floral and black pepper nuances. Medium-full bodied, the palate has interwoven flavours of dark raspberry fruit with black pepper, along with subtle savoury herb and earthy notes. The fruit is sweet and juicy, quite mouthfilling and is balanced by fine, grainy tannin extraction. The acidity is integrated, lending gentle energy, and the wine carries to a long finish with raspberry and peppery flavours. This is a mouthfilling Cotes du Rhone with sweet raspberry fruit, along with pepper, herbs and earthy detail, on a grainy textured palate with good length. Match with roasted red meats or Middle Eastern fare over the next 5+ years. A blend of 60% Syrah and 40% Grenache from the Ardeche, destemmed and fermented to 14.0% alc., the wine spending 15 days on skins and aged 8 months in vat.