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Jean-Louis Chave

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2016 Hermitage White

Remarkably concentrated yet poised, with acacia and honeysuckle notes leading the way for a core of creamed melon, quince, mirabelle plum and white nectarine flavors. The long brioche- and salted butter-fueled finish shows terrific cut for a wine of this weight, ending with a lingering beeswax hint. A stunner. *(98 points)*

2016 Hermitage

Youthfully tight, this features a cloak of tarry-edged tannins draped over a core of well-steeped red and black currant and blackberry fruit. Long and driven, with notes of humus, black tea, singed alder and tobacco leaf streaming alongside the fruit from start to finish, this ends with a hint of smoldering cast iron. Reserved in style overall, showing serious latent length and cut, this should cruise and blossom in the cellar. *(97 points)*

2016 St.-Joseph

Alluring, with black tea and singed alder hints curling around a core of gently steeped black cherry and blackberry flavors. The very silky and refined structure carries the fruit through a beguiling finish, while olive, sanguine, iron and savory hints peek in. This expands steadily with time in the glass, boding well for cellaring. *(95 points)*

2015 Sélection Hermitage Farconnet

Ripe and fleshy in feel, with an open-knit personality to the mix of steeped blackberry and black cherry compote flavors, backed by warmed anise, smoldering black tea and loam notes. Offers well-integrated grip through the finish, making this approachable while giving it staying power. *(94 points)*

2015 Sélection Hermitage White Blanche

Ripe and enticing in feel, with a waxy-edged core of creamed yellow apple, nectarine and mirabelle plum notes, infused liberally with warm brioche and toasted macadamia nut accents, all while maintaining cut and focus through the finish. *(94 points)*

2016 St.-Joseph Clos Florentin

This features a slightly hefty core of steeped plum and blackberry fruit, gliding along suavely enough, while flashes of juniper, pepper, tobacco and iron fill in throughout. Very tightly focused through the finish, with slightly edgy grip that will need a bit of cellaring to settle in. *(94 points)*

2017 Sélection Crozes-Hermitage Silène

A dark and winery style, with black currant and bitter plum fruit lined with mouthwatering tobacco leaf and olive notes. Good tarry grip holds the finish. *(92 points)*

2016 Sélection St.-Joseph Offerus

Pure and refined, with alluring cherry and damson plum fruit, lined with violet and sandalwood notes and showing subtle chalky minerality through the finish. Sneakily long, with the minerality lingering nicely. *(92 points)*

2017 Sélection St.-Joseph White Circa

Bold and ripe, with a mix of nectarine, white peach and creamed melon flavors, framed by toasted macadamia nut and salted butter accents. Maintains enough juicy energy to carry its weight. *(92 points)*

2017 Sélection Côtes du Rhône Mon Coeur

Bold dark cherry compote flavors are liberally laced with violet, savory and singed anise notes. Features a nice flash of warm earth through the finish. *(90 points)*

