

Founded in 1835, Delas is among the most prestigious wineries in the Rhône Valley and recognized as one of its leading producers. Delas has vineyard holdings on the steep granite slopes of the Northern Rhône and purchases additional wine through long-term contracts with high-quality southern Rhône growers. From its Côtes-du-Rhône to the highly praised single-vineyard Hermitage Les Bessards, each and every single wine of the Delas portfolio offers distinctive pleasure, quality and value.



REDS

DELAS FRÈRES HERMITAGE LES BESSARDS 2017

97 points Archetypal Les Bessards, the Delas 2017 Hermitage Les Bessards boasts rich, deep cassis fruit accented by hints of crushed stone and pencil shavings. It's full-bodied, ripe yet firm, with great energy, freshness and length on the spice-tinged finish. While relatively approachable young, it should age well for up to two decades. *The Wine Advocate* | 12.19

DELAS FRÈRES HERMITAGE DOMAINES DES TOURETTES 2017

93 points Ripe and juicy in feel, with a mix of blackberry, boysenberry and black currant fruit melded together, laced with bramble, licorice snap and singed alder notes. Tarry grip supports the finish but doesn't intrude on the fruit. Almost approachable now, but there's no rush. Best from 2020 through 2030. *Wine Spectator* | 12.19

DELAS FRÈRES CÔTE-RÔTIE LA LANDONNE 2017

97 points The 2017 Côte Rôtie La Landonne is a candidate for the wine of the vintage and offers everything you could want from Côte Rôtie. Revealing a deep purple color as well as a gorgeous perfume of black raspberries, blackberries, toasted spice, violets, and spring flowers, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, no hard edges, and ample yet sweet tannins. This remarkable effort has loads of richness and intensity yet stays weightless and elegant. *Jeb Dunnuck* | 12.19

DELAS FRÈRES CÔTE-RÔTIE SEIGNEUR DE MAUGIRON 2017

93 points Well-packed, with red and black currant compote, dried bay leaf, singed mesquite and sanguine notes, all running through an iron-tinged finish. *James Molesworth* | 10.19

DELAS FRÈRES CORNAS CHANTE PERDRIX 2017

95 points | Insider "Hot Wines" Racy and chiseled in feel, with a vibrant chalky minerality running from start to finish, giving this bristling energy as red currant, damson plum, lilac and savory notes cruise through. The long finish delivers a piercing sanguine accent, and the minerality just won't quit. *James Molesworth* | 10.19

DELAS FRÈRES ST. JOSEPH SAINTE-ÉPINE 2017

94 points A suave and smoky style, with sandalwood, black tea, olive, juniper and bay leaf notes leading the way, followed by a core of lightly steeped bitter plum and blackberry fruit. Concentrated, showing latent length as all the elements take a late encore, supported by a lingering mineral echo. Should unwind a bit more slowly than most of its colleagues. *Wine Spectator* | 2.20

DELAS FRÈRES ST. JOSEPH FRANÇOIS DE TOURNON 2017

92 points Quite a complex nose with a fresh, spicy, red and dark-fruit edge with pepper and graphite. The palate has some bite and cut in the tannin department and a smooth, brambly finish. *James Suckling* | 10.19

DELAS FRÈRES CROZES HERMITAGE LE CLOS 2017

94 points Up with the top wines in the vintage from Crozes, the 2017 Crozes-Hermitage Le Clos offers a pure, polished, elegant style while still showing the beautiful fruit that's the hallmark of the vintage. Blackberries, currants, cassis, toasted spice, and graphite notes, as well as hints of violets all, emerge from the glass. Medium to full-bodied and seamless on the palate, it has ultra-fine tannins and a great finish, all of which make for an approachable Crozes Hermitage that can be drunk today or cellared for a decade. *Jeb Dunnuck* | 12.19

DELAS FRÈRES CROZES HERMITAGE DOMAINE DES GRANDS CHEMINS 2017

92 points Coming all from the Les Chassis region and aged 14 months in barrel, the 2017 Crozes-Hermitage Domaine Des Grands Chemins reveals a deep purple/plum hue as well as terrific notes of black (and some blue) fruits, graphite, liquid violets, and crushed stone. It's medium-bodied, has a silky texture, solid mid-palate depth, and a great finish. This forward, seamless, seductive Crozes will drink brilliantly for 7-8 years or more. *Jeb Dunnuck* | 12.19



WHITES

DELAS FRÈRES HERMITAGE DOMAINES DES TOURETTES BLANC 2017

96 points | Top 100 Best Wines of the Year Delas Frères owns 24 acres on the Hermitage hill, including some small parcels of marsanne planted in 1912 and 1918. Since 2013, Jacques Grange has been converting the farming here and in the domaine's other vineyards to organic, a move he says he's found to increase the energy in the wines. The performance of the wines we tasted for this issue gives credence to his impression, with this wine a standout example. The vintage was a difficult one, replete with heat waves, hail storms and drought, and yet the wine feels radiant. Fermented with ambient yeasts, it opens gradually, the initial wood tones fading as the wine grows golden and opulent in flavor. Honeysuckle scents and lemony acidity play around the juicy Cavaillon melon flavors, adding delicacy to the wine, while bitter-almond and mineral notes add a deep savor. It's glorious now, but deserving of another decade in the cellar to harmonize. *Wine & Spirits* | 2.19

DELAS FRÈRES CONDRIEU CLOS BOUCHER BLANC 2017

96 points Slightly deeper and richer, the 2017 Condrieu Clos Boucher offers beautiful notes of tangerine, honeyed limes, citrus, and brioche. It's another fresher, elegant Condrieu that has bright acidity, medium body, and sensational balance. It's as drinkable as they come and one of the gems in the vintage. *Jeb Dunnuck* | 12.18

DELAS FRÈRES CONDRIEU LA GALOPINE BLANC 2017

92 points Sappy herbs, tangerines, and honeyed lime-like nuances all emerge from the 2017 Condrieu Galopine, a nicely textured, medium to full-bodied, textbook Condrieu. It's upfront and ready to go yet should evolve nicely for 3-4 years. *Jeb Dunnuck* | 12.19