

In «Rhone in the Zone With a String of Solid Vintages,» Nick Stock reviews the three most recent vintages from the Rhône Valley, which are «very distinctive and deliver quite clear influence over the wines they made.» He notes the report highlights «many wines of quality, value and character» and concludes with mentioning that now is a «very good time to buy and drink the wines of the Rhône Valley.» Among the reviewed:

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas «Hominis Fides» 2017, 97 points

«From limestone sands, this has a very attractively sweet, hung-meat edge to the ripe dark plums and spiced berries on offer. Really intense, rich dark fruit and spices. Super clearly articulated and very, very deep. This has strength and power at its core. Great wine.»

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas «Le Claux» 2017, 97 points

«This has a very rich and deeply ripe nose with a stony, savory edge with coal smoke and blueberries and dark plums on offer. The spice is deeply sewn in and the palate carries such depth and richness with a fleshy expression of pure grenache that was originally planted in 1870 and has been replanted over time. Phenomenal wine with such power and purity.»

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas «Le Poste» 2017, 95 points

«A curiosité of soil in this parcel with tortonian limestone, like in Barolo. The nose is so elegant with a fragrant, dried-wood and camphor note and a lighter, redder fruit edge. The palate has such finesse and a very discreet, smooth and compact style. This has a very fresh, red-to-purple fruit feel at the firm, dense finish. Unique texture here.»

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Côte-Rôtie 2017, 95 points

«This comes from the schist section, in the north of the appellation, and has a very complex and spicy edge to the dark berries and cherries. The palate has a succulent, savory and very powerful, expressive feel with latent spices and roasted meat, through a very intense core of black fruits. Ripe grapes and whole bunches here. Intense and juicy with strapping tannins.»

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME St. Joseph 2017, 94 points

«This has a very strong, savory edge and there's wet stone, coal smoke and oyster shell, as well as iodine. The black fruit is subdued by the granite here. The palate has a very compressed feel, vibrantly grippy in this young mode and very fresh, too.»

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Condrieu 2017, 92 points

«This has a more savory style with dialed-in fruit, delivered into a

place of real smoothness. Rich, peach and apricot-custard aromas, brulee custard and a honeyed, long and fleshy finish.»

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas 2017, 94 points

«Wow. This has such attractive dark plums and berries with chocolate and cocoa, as well as ripe red and dark cherries. The complexity and depth is striking here. The palate carries so much flavor and so much detail. So lush. Rich dark fruit, cocoa and red-cherry pip to close. Drink over the next decade or more. This has plenty in the tank.»

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Crozes-Hermitage 2017, 93 points

«This has attractive poise and very focused feel. The granite is very important, driving a succulent feel and delivering focus to the fruit and tannin. Dark berries, dark cherries and spiced plums abound and there's a smooth and fresh feel to the tannins. Very vibrant with plenty of flavor and dark stones, graphite and toasted spices to close.»

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME CDR-«Les Deux Albion» 2017, 93 points

«This has a very attractive, dark-stone and black-fruit nose with rich and intense blackberries and licorice and some savory, rust-like, sanguine elements. There's clay soil and iron to dry this. The richness and depth are impressive and there's a wealth of intense, rich and very concentrated fruit on offer. Dark plums, blue fruit and long, succulent tannins. Spicy finish. An estate-grown blend of syrah, grenache, mourvedre, carignan and clairette.»

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Condrieu 2018, 93 points

«A very powerful, rich and attractively fleshy Condrieu with intense and concentrated fruit and a wealth of apricots and some baking spices on offer. The palate has such intensity and depth. Citrus and fleshy apricots abound.»

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Côtes-du-Rhône 2018, 91 points

«This is pure syrah from both sides of the southern Rhône and has very rich dark cherries and sweet ripeness to the palate. Good depth and detail here. Juicy and long. Quite plush, too.»