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TASTING 2016 VINTAGE



IL ÉTAIT UNE FOIS

17,5/20

Very little nose, and the palate is similarly compact and brooding. There's purity and quality in the dark, compressed black fruit, though. You can feel how the Mourvèdre gives substance and structure to the blend. This is mouth-filling and dense, but has inner beauty too.

DIVERGENTE

17,5/20

Bright purple, with florid violet and red fruits on the nose, but very youthful reductive rubbery notes too. Assuming that passes, this will be a stunner, with finely ground tannin, not too much body, plenty of fruit at its core, and lovely fragrance on the long finish.

PERSIA

17/20

Superb violet and pepper fragrance, plus a lovely beefy note as well as blueberry fruit and furry tannic feel. This has all the fragrance of the northern Rhône, but all the guts of the south. A good option when you can't decide between Gingondas or Crozes?

DOMAINE DE FONDRÈCHE

16,5/20

Compressed and weighty, with more savoury power than their Nature bottling. Flouxy tannic grip, long licorice finish. This has substance and persistence, and clearly benefits from a naturally ripe vintage.

NATURE

16/20

Lightly perfumed nose, then a big haul of red and black fruit on the palate with semi-firm tannic grip. Great clarity and vibrancy. Full of self-confidence.