



DELAS

Vignobles de la Vallée du Rhône

Delas Frères dates to 1835, but its modern iteration began to take shape in 1996, when Fabrice Rosset took over the company and hired Jacques Grange to lead the winemaking. Grange immediately began restoring the vineyards, which include legendary parcels throughout the Northern Rhône such as La Landonne in Côte-Rôtie and Les Bessards in Hermitage. All are now certified HVE3, the highest level of the French Ministry of Agriculture's sustainability program, and are in conversion to organics. The team also revamped the winery in St-Jean-de-Muzols into a gravity-flow facility, and, in 2019, opened a new facility in Tain l'Hermitage designed expressly for the vinification of their northern Rhône wines.

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Hermitage 'Les Bessards' 2020

The vineyards of the famed Hermitage hill produce some of the world's most intense, dense wines from the rich Syrah varietal. Delas owns 24 acres in this prized region, a large amount by Rhône standards. This cuvée is a vineyard plot selection. The grapes come exclusively from the oldest plot within the renowned lieu-dit of "Les Bessards" in the heart of the Hermitage slopes. This wine is only produced during the very best years and the production is deliberately limited to 6,000 bottles per year.

97-99 PTS JEB DUNNUCK All Syrah from unquestionably one of the greatest terroirs on the planet for the variety, the dense purple-hued 2020 Hermitage Les Bessards offers up a monster of a bouquet of primordial blue fruits, camphor, burning embers, and scorched earth. This carries to a powerful yet incredibly pure Hermitage with building tannins, bright acidity, stunning mid-palate depth, and a great finish. It's going to push the upper boundary of my rating scale, but it's for consumers with plenty of patience and will be mostly only educational for the first decade of life or so.

96 PTS Decanter | **95-97PTS** *Robert Parker* | **95+ PTS** VIEW FROM THE CELLAR | **95 PTS** Wine Spectator



Hermitage 'Ligne de Crête' 2020

This wine is made exclusively from the "Les Grandes Vignes" plot situated at the peak of the Hermitage hillside at around 325m altitude. This primarily south-facing plot forms an amphitheatre of semicircular vine terraces. In the very best years, production is limited to 1,800 to 2,000 bottles. This wine is made exclusively from the Syrah varietal.

97-98 PTS vinOUS | Deep, vivid ruby. Smoky, mineral- and spice-accented red and dark berry preserve scents show excellent clarity and a sexy floral top note. Offers concentrated but wonderfully energetic blackberry, bitter cherry and spicecake flavors that become sweeter and pick up hints of candied flowers, vanilla and olive on the back half. Finishes chewy, sharply focused and extremely long, with solid tannins adding shape and final grip.

96-98 PTS JEB DUNNUCK | **95 PTS** Wine Spectator | **94 PTS** VIEW FROM THE CELLAR



Hermitage 'Domaine des Tourettes' 2020

Known as Domaine Marquise de la Tourette until 2008, Domaine des Tourettes is the first wine to be produced by Delas Frères exclusively from the 24 acres that are farmed on the famous hill that overlooks the town of Tain. This cuvée is a blend of wines from 5 acres of "Les Grandes Vignes" lieu-dit, located at the top of the hill, and 17 acres in the "Les Bessards" lieu-dit.

97-99 PTS JEB DUNNUCK | An incredibly consistent wine, you can never go wrong with the Domaine des Tourettes release from Delas. Inky hued, with a great nose of pure cassis, crushed rocks, camphor, new leather, and hints of bacon fat, the 2020 Hermitage Domaine Des Tourettes hits the palate with full-bodied richness, a round, layered texture, beautiful depth on the mid-palate, and velvety tannins. Aromatically, it's not far off the Bessards cuvée, yet it's more plush and up-front on the palate. It will benefit from just 4-5 years of bottle age and should have decades of longevity. It's another totally brilliant wine from this talented team.

95 PTS VIEW FROM THE CELLAR | **94-95 PTS** vinOUS | **94 PTS** Decanter | **92 PTS** Wine Spectator



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