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2019 Côte-Rôtie Carmina

Release Price: **\$98**

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Glass-staining magenta. Highly expressive, spice- and smoke-accented black and blue fruits, pungent flowers and olive on the nose, along with a licorice nuance that builds as the wine opens up. Offers deeply concentrated cassis, blueberry, violet pastille and exotic spice flavors show superb energy thanks to a core of smoky minerality. Finishes spicy, focused and impressively long, with steadily building tannins and reverberating floral and blue fruit notes. 50% whole clusters and all used oak.

2018 Côte-Rôtie Carmina

Release Price: **\$105**

93

Shimmering ruby. Smoky, mineral-accented blackberry and cherry aromas are sharpened by a spicy suggestion of cracked pepper. Offers earth-tinged red and dark berry flavors and hints of salty olive and allspice. Deepens with air and finishes long and gently chewy, with building tannins and a lingering cherry note. Made with 50% whole clusters.

2019 Côte-Rôtie Fonguant

Release Price: **\$180**

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Deep violet color. Blueberry, black raspberry, cola, potpourri and exotic spices on the highly fragrant nose. Offers energetic, palate-staining red and blue fruit preserve, spicecake and floral pastille flavors that convey a suave blend of depth and vivacity thanks to a core of juicy acidity. Finishes very long and smooth, with resonating blue fruit and spice notes and well-judged tannins adding shape and closing grip. Made with two-thirds whole clusters.

2018 Côte-Rôtie Fonguant

Release Price: **\$205**

95

Saturated ruby. Displays an array of mineral-accented red and dark berry preserve and incense aromas that are complemented by violet, smoky bacon and exotic spice flourishes. Youthfully chewy, densely packed and energetic on the palate, offering intense blackberry, blueberry, fruitcake, violet pastille and allspice flavors that spread out slowly with aeration. Closes on strong mineral and floral notes, showing superb

clarity and discreet tannic grip, with solid thrust, youthful, gripping tannins and superb persistence.

2020 Saint-Joseph Préface

Release Price: **\$60**

92

Brilliant ruby. Aromas of ripe red and blue fruits, exotic spices and potpourri, along with a subtle mineral nuance. Juicy and energetic in style, displaying sweet black raspberry, cherry and salty olive flavors that are complemented by hints of black pepper and candied violet. The floral and spice notes carry through a long, focused finish that features harmonious tannins and a hint of bitter chocolate.

2019 Saint-Joseph Préface

Release Price: **\$62**

91

Deep, glistening violet color. Expressive black and blue fruit aromas, along with hints of exotic spices, olive and pungent flowers. Pliant cherry, blueberry, spicecake and cola flavors show fine clarity and deepen steadily as the wine opens up. Finishes long and smoky, with repeating floral and spice notes and discreet tannins. Made with one-third whole clusters and no new oak.

2020 Saint-Joseph Tildé

Release Price: **\$80**

93

Dark magenta. Primary black raspberry and cherry compote flavors are complemented by exotic spice, incense and floral accents. Concentrated and energetic as well, offering intense, mineral-accented red and blue fruit liqueur, floral pastille and spicecake flavors underscored by a vein of juicy acidity. A smoky note comes up on the gently tannic finish, which hangs on with strong, spice- and mineral-driven tenacity.

2019 Saint-Joseph Tildé

Release Price: **\$80**

93

Opaque ruby. Expressive cherry and blackberry aromas, along with hints of smoked meat, potpourri and cracked pepper. Sappy and energetic on the palate, offering expansive black and blue fruit and floral pastille flavors that deepen and become sweeter with air. Finishes very long and precise, showing excellent clarity and spicy cut on the smoky, gently tannic finish. *xOOD* Two-thirds whole clusters.

2018 Saint-Joseph Tildé

Release Price: **\$90**

92

Saturated ruby. Mineral- and spice-accented aromas of ripe cherry, dark berries, licorice and violet. Fleshy and expansive in the mouth, offering juicy blackberry and bitter cherry flavors, a hint of smokiness and a sweetening touch of cola on the back half. Turns spicier on the persistent finish, which features sneaky tannins and lingering smoke and floral notes.

2019 Syrah Gamine

Release Price: **\$42**

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Bright ruby. Displays spice-tinged red and dark berries on the fragrant nose, along with a hint of olive. Juicy and energetic in the mouth, offering gently sweet cherry and mulberry flavors with a zesty snap of cracked pepper. Finishes on a subtle floral note, with discreet tannins and very good length.