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(Joe Czerwinski – dégustation Septembre 2021)

2020 Domaine des Remizieres Crozes Hermitage Red – 91pts

Crushed stone and hints of cracked pepper accent cherry and blueberry fruit on the nose of the 2020 Crozes Hermitage. Comprised of fully destemmed fruit from Chassis and aged in foudre, it's medium to full-bodied, with concentrated fruit flavors, supple tannins, a rich yet silky mouthfeel and a lingering finish. It's a terrific Crozes to enjoy now and over the next 5 years or so. Tasted twice (once blind), with consistent notes.

2020 Domaine des Remizieres Crozes-Hermitage Cuvee Particuliere Red – 92pts

The 2020 Crozes-Hermitage Cuvee Particuliere delivers waves of black cherries and black olives framed by hints of vanilla and subtle spice notes (the wine was aged in demi-muids). Sourced from Mercuriol, it's medium to full-bodied, supple and fully ripe, with hints of licorice on the plush, lingering finish. Tasted twice (once blind), with consistent notes.

2020 Domaine des Remizieres Crozes Hermitage Cuvée Christophe Red – 92-94pts

Still in barrel when I visited (it's aged in 70% new barriques, with the balance in second use wood), the 2020 Crozes Hermitage Cuvée Christophe comes mainly (80%) from Larnage, with the balance grown around Mercuriol. Slightly lifted and peppery on the nose, it also features notes of cedar and vanilla, plus plenty of ripe red berries and black cherries. It's full-bodied, concentrated and supple, with a lingering, velvety finish. A seductive, expansive and potentially profound Crozes. Tasted twice (once blind), with consistent notes.

2019 Domaine des Remizieres Crozes-Hermitage Autrement – 94pts

The full-bodied 2019 Crozes-Hermitage Autrement is a rich, velvety wine that shows an uncommon degree of elegance for such a big, oaky wine. Drawn from old vines in Larnage, fermented in new demi-muids and aged in new barriques, it delivers waves of cassis and blackberries, black olives and licorice, all framed by ripe, supple tannins and capped by a long, harmonious finish.

2020 Domaine des Remizieres Crozes-Hermitage Autrement – 93-95pts

Sourced from old vines in Larnage, the 2020 Crozes-Hermitage Autrement was fermented in new demi-muids, then aged in new barriques. That sounds like a lot of oak, and the wine is cedary on the nose, but there's ample cherry and blueberry fruit to support the wood in this rich, full-bodied effort. More structured than the other Crozes-Hermitage offerings at this address, it should be cellared for at least a few years, then consumed over the next decade or so.

2020 Domaine des Remizieres Saint Joseph – 90-93pts

Still in barrel at the time of my visit, I tasted a blended sample of the 2020 Saint Joseph blind, as well as from three separate parcels/barrels at the estate. Framed by ample cedar notes, the blended version came across as a bit stern, but with the wood backed by ripe cherries and blackberries and supple fruit tannins. About one-fourth of the blend comes from Saint-Jean de Muzols, which was silky, red fruited and vibrant (89 - 91). Another fourth comes from Vion, later picked, with more black cherries and black olives, plus hints of licorice and mocha (91 - 93). The largest portion of the blend comes from Sécheras, which showed more structure, being firmer, more tannic and dark fruited (91 - 93).

2019 Domaine des Remizieres Cornas – 92pts

Showing better than the bottle I tried last year, the 2019 Cornas is marked by scents of crushed stone, red plums and blackcurrants. This is a harmonious, full-bodied example of Cornas that should age well for at least a decade. Concentrated without being overly dense or weighty and with plentiful but supple tannins, it's almost drinkable now. Tasted twice (once blind), with consistent notes.

2020 Domaine des Remizieres Cornas – 91-93pts

Not an estate wine but excellent nonetheless, the 2020 Cornas features notes of crushed stone and mixed berries. Aged in a mix of new and second use barrels, it's medium to full-bodied, rich and velvety, with hints of pastry crust, cracked pepper and salted licorice on the finish. Tasted twice (once blind), with consistent notes.

2020 Domaine des Remizieres Hermitage Cuvee Emilie Red – 93-95pts

I was unimpressed by the blended sample of the 2020 Hermitage Cuvee Emilie I tasted blind, which came across as rather sturdily built and savory in tone, showcasing earthy, plummy notes on a medium-bodied palate, backed by firm tannins (87 - 89). Yet two barrels tasted at the domaine yielded a very different impression. From Rocoules (about 20% of the blend), a floral, red-fruited expression of Hermitage, full-bodied but supple and charming (93 - 95). From Les Grandes Vignes (80% of the blend), more cassis and blackberries, accented by toast and cedar, full-bodied, rich and structured (94 - 96). I've gone with my more optimistic impression, but included a question mark to reflect the possibility that the quality of the final assemblage could vary beyond the score range given.

2020 Domaine des Remizieres Crozes Hermitage Cuvée Particuliere White – 90pts

Subtle notions of pastry crust float above citrus, pear and melon aromas on the nose of the 2020 Crozes Hermitage Blanc Cuvée Particuliere. Plump and medium-bodied, this 100% Marsanne—aged in demi-muids and concrete—is an appealing effort, with its almost honeyed richness offset by a touch of bitterness and ground white pepper on the finish. Tasted twice (once blind), with consistent notes.

2020 Domaine des Remizieres Crozes-Hermitage Cuvee Christophe White – 92pts

More ripe and honeyed in style than the Cuvée Particulière, the 2020 Crozes-Hermitage Blanc Cuvee Christophe is rounder and fuller, with scents of toasted grain, pear, lime and pineapple up front, a generous, fleshy mouthfeel and a long finish marked by hints of citrus pith and brine. It's a super, barrel-fermented blend of 85% Marsanne and 15% Roussanne, with sourcing split between Mercuriol and Larnage.

2020 Domaine des Remizieres Hermitage Cuvee Emilie White – 94pts

Toasty oak (this 100% Marsanne is barrel fermented and aged, with 70% of the wood being new) frames ripe pear, pineapple, melon and honey notes on the nose of the 2020 Hermitage Blanc Cuvee Emilie, while the full-bodied palate is richly textured and generous—almost creamy in feel—yet with great drive on the long, silky finish. Tasted twice (once blind), with consistent notes.