



2013 Eric et Joel Durand Cornas Premices

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from France, Cornas, Northern Rhone, Rhone, France

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Rating: (90-92)

Drink -

Cost:

Leading off the Cornas releases, the 2013 Cornas Prémices comes from the younger vines of the estate and spends 12 months in 20% new barrels. It's a medium to full-bodied, beautifully layered 2013 that has surprising ripeness and depth in the vintage. Black raspberry, licorice, smoked leather and hints of cassis all emerge from the glass, and it has a forward, approachable style that will allow it to drink nicely on release. Another brilliantly run estate in the Northern Rhône, Eric and Joel Durand have made rich, concentrated and textured 2012s that show the vintage nicely. These should drink nicely on release yet evolve gracefully. Their 2013s follow suit, with their top cuvee, the Cornas Confidence, being the only wine that will really require cellaring to become approachable. The style here is quasi-modern, with plenty of destemming and moderate new oak, but the wines all hold onto plenty of Cornas character. They're highly recommended. Importer(s): Fruit of the Vines Inc, 161 w 54th St #203, New York, NY 10019, (212) 765-2970 Paul M. Young Fine Wines, Los Angeles, CA, (213) 232-5199
