

2015 Eric Et Joel Durand Saint Joseph Les Coteaux

The 2015 Saint Joseph Les Coteaux is another winner. Plums, blackcurrants, lots of pepper, and smoked meat notes all emerge from this classic, ripe, full-bodied 2015. Coming from the younger vines of the estate, drink this front end-loaded, hedonistic fruit bomb over the coming 7-8 years.

One of my favorite Cornas estate is that of brothers Eric and Joël Durand, who took over the running of this family estate in 1991. The winemaking is a mix of modern and traditional, with some destemming when needed, fermentations occurring in tank and concrete, and aging mostly in used barrels, with just a tiny amount being new. Their 2015s are certainly on par with what was produced in 2009 and 2010, and these are terrific, character filled wines I'd be happy to have in my cellar.

- Jeb Dunnuck (1/24/2018)

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