

## 2010 Eric et Joel Durand Cornas Confidence

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

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Rating: (92-95) Drink 2016 - 2036

Cost: \$60

Even richer and more intense is the off-the-charts 2010 Cornas Confidence. A Cornas on steroids, it offers copious notes of graphite, roasted meats, licorice, blackberry liqueur and pen ink. As the wine sits in the glass, intriguing aromas of flowers also emerge. Full, thick and rich, it should be forgotten for 5-6 years and drunk over the following two decades. (Not yet released) Two more up-and-coming young turks of the northern Rhone are brothers Eric and Joel Durand, who have produced very strong Cornas wines in both 2009 and 2010. Unfortunately, I did not have a chance to taste their 2010 St.-Joseph cuvees. Readers looking for wines with more near-term drinkability should check out Durand's two cuvees of 2009 St.-Joseph. Importer: Weygandt-Metzler, Unionville, PA; tel. (610) 486-0800