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The 2007 Crozes-Hermitage (from 20-year old vines) was aged 12 months in neutral wood barrels. An elegant effort, it offers up scents of herbaceously-tinged cherries, pomegranate and cranberries. This Pinot Noir-like Syrah can be enjoyed over the next 3-4 years. Sorrel's holdings in Larnage in Crozes-Hermitage consist of equal parts Roussanne and Marsanne. In most vintages, Sorrel produces two cuvees of white Hermitage. The top white is Les Rocoules, which emerges from that well-know hillside site on the granite Hill of Hermitage. Importer: J. O. A. Imports, McLean, VA; www.jaowineimports.com

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Abundant aromas of cassis, olives, and lavender emerge from the 2007 Crozes-Hermitage. Mediumbodied, attractive, and more fruit-driven/charming than the 2006, it should drink well for 4-6 years. This is one of the most traditionally run domaines of the northern Rhone. For a number of years, Sorrel has been adding a white and red Crozes-Hermitage to his small portfolio. Importer: J.A.O. Imports, McLean, VA; www.jaowineimports.com