

JEAN-MICHEL GERIN

"LA VIALLIÈRE" CÔTE-RÔTIE 2017

Côte-Rôtie, France



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Smoky tobacco and charred vanilla notes accent pure, lip smacking notes of cassis and blueberry pastilles here. A full bodied, supple expression of Côte-Rôtie vinified fully destemmed and matured in 100% new French oak, it's an extravagant, toffee-kissed sip accentuated by fine, pillowy tannins... —A.I.

...Sweet, palate-staining blackberry, cherry preserve and floral pastille flavors put on weight with air and take on a spicy quality on the back half. Rich but lively as well, delivering firm tension on an impressively persistent, mineral-tinged finish that features fine tannins and a sexy floral note. — J.R.

Very impressive with a slightly dialed-back oak influence... this has a beautifully rich nose with dark-cherry and chocolate aromas in a fresh, attractive mode. The palate has a reasonably dense feel to the tannins. A very sleek and fine, juicy and long feel here. So fleshy with so much blackberry and black cherry fruit... — J.S.

The wine is dark, rich and suave, with plenty of chocolatey fruit to fill out the smoky oak.... it feels Old World, evoking mahogany-paneled libraries and pipe tobacco in its scents, all with the feel of crushed velvet. Give it time in the bottle and the brambly fruit and cool mineral tones should come forward. — T.T.