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JEAN-LUC COLOMBO

CORNAS "LA LOUVÉE" 2017

Rhône Valley, France

EDITOR'S CHOICE

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POINT



JULY 2020

Cassis and blackberry flavors maintain a vital freshness... invigorating, marked by savory nuances of smoke, nut and iron. Integrated whispers of oak and fine, delicate tannins make it approachable already but this beautiful wine should continue to improve through 2035. – A.I.

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POINTS



MAY 2020

This brims with velvety açai, blueberry and blackberry reduction flavors that spill forth easily, guided by violet, lavender, bay leaf and singed sandalwood notes. The long finish reveals a tug of fresh earth, flowing through beautifully. – J.M.

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POINTS



DECEMBER 2019

The 2017 Cornas la Louvee... is quite different from the 2018, offering up fresh raspberry aromas and flavors. It's still full-bodied and velvety, but it's also salty, crunchy and vibrant, with a long, licorice and peppering finish. – J.C.

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POINTS



MARCH 2020

...Floral and exotic spice aromas show excellent clarity and pick up a hint of smokiness... sweet black currant, cherry and mulberry flavors that tighten up slowly through the back half. Shows sharp definition and spicy lift on a long, smooth, floral-accented finish framed by supple tannins. – J.R.

YEAR'S BEST
NORTHERN RHONES

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POINTS



FEBRUARY 2020

Made in Colombo's clean, fruit-driven style, this is spicy and red-berried, structured by fine, polished tannins. Notes of earth and olive emerge as it opens with air, hinting at the complexity that should develop with cellar time. – T.T.