



JEAN-LUC COLOMBO

CORNAS "LA LOUVÉE" 2016

Rhône Valley, France

**BEST OF YEAR 2019
CELLAR SELECTION**

95
POINTS



DECEMBER 2019

94
POINTS



MAY 2019

94
POINTS



DECEMBER 2018

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MARCH 2019

Buoyant, sun-drenched blackberry and blueberry tones extend from nose to palate in this medium-bodied but richly textured Syrah. Black fruit flavors are primary and pure, but elevated by hints of toast, anise and dried thyme. It should gain depth through 2030.—A.I.

This has a compact core of juicy black currant and black cherry compote flavors, held in check by mouthwatering bay, chalk and savory notes for now. The long finish has mouthwatering cut and drive. When the fruit melds with the structure, this will be very solid indeed. Best from 2024 through 2035.—J.M.

...This starts with an absolutely gorgeous nose of Christmas spice and licorice. That's complemented on the palate by rich, plummy fruit, ample weight and concentration and a long, complex, silky finish. Already approachable, it should only get better over the next 2-3 years, then drink well for at least a decade. — J.C.

...Suggestions of candied flowers, olive and incense and a hint of dark chocolate in the background... Sweet black and blue fruit, spiced cake and violet pastille flavors underscored by a vein of smoky minerality. Blends richness and energy... and finishes impressively long and precise, with steadily building tannins adding shape and closing grip. — J.R.