



2019 Les Trois Couronnes Cotes-du-Rhone

Cepage: 80% Grenache 20% Syrah

On the nose: The wine bursts forth with an aromatic mix of assorted blackberry juices, crushed red plums, black cherries, phenolics, spice components, juniper bush, oregano, herbs de Provence and references of wood and aniseed with melted black licorice and earthy minerals underlying.

On the palate: There is tremendous richness upfront on the palate with lots of attractive crushed black fruits, especially plums, loganberries, elderberry fruit and sloe fruit, then comes spiced morello cherry juice, black tea, fig stew and licorice root.

All this is going into the well-balanced midpalate, which shows this wine's serious structure with smooth tannins and tons of stewed fruit character.

The finish is long and lingers on the palate for a good 25-plus seconds with yet more herbs, pepper, and cherry-infused gunpowder tea.