



# Northern Rhône

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wine selection



## Domaine Belle, Cuvée Louis Belle, AOP Crozes-Hermitage, Red, 2020

AOP Crozes-Hermitage, Vallée du Rhône, France

Domaine Belle has roots in Hermitage that date back several generations. The estate was founded by Louis Belle in the 1930's, and in the 90's Philippe Belle built his first modern winery and cellar. The Wine Advocate cites "Domaine Belle is one of the most consistent and reliable producers of Crozes Hermitage. While the family doesn't shy away from the use of oak, there's either less new oak than there used to be, and the wines are more intense and fruity."

### PRESENTATION

Domaine Belle benefits from a varied terroir where Syrah for the reds and Marsanne and Roussanne for the whites express themselves in different profiles.

The constant quest for low yields, generally between 20 and 40 hectolitres per hectare, involves the adoption of strict pruning and the application of very measured organic fertilization. Rigorous viticultural methods and manual harvesting are used to fully reveal the grape variety's qualitative potential.

### LOCATION

The domaine extends to 25 hectares in 6 communes and three appellations, Saint Joseph, Crozes-Hermitage and Hermitage. This soil is composed of white limestone clay also known as Kaolin, Granite and Galet stone.

### WINEMAKING

Thermo-regulated stainless steel tank

### AGEING

Entirely in oak barrels for 18 months, with 15% new barrels, the remainder divided equally between 1, 2 and 3 year-old barrels.

### VARIETAL

Syrah 100%

### 14,5 % VOL.

GM: No.

Contains sulphites. Does not contain egg or egg products. Does not contain milk or milk-based products.

### SERVING

T° of service: 16°C / 61°F.

### AGEING POTENTIAL

Enjoy all year long, 10 to 15 years

### TASTING

Notes of fresh fruit and cherries mingle on opening. As it evolves, spicy aromas mingle with floral notes such as violet.

On the palate, the wine is full-bodied and powerful, with delicate tannins. This is a wine of delicacy, strength and substance.



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REVIEWS AND AWARDS



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"The lush, rich 2020 Crozes Hermitage Cuvée Louis Belle displays opulent black cherry framed by cedar and vanilla. Full-bodied and velvety, it's decadently styled, loaded with ripe fruit and plush oak, yet finishes with surprising energy and an appealing note of licorice."

**Joe Czerwinski, Robert Parker**



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