Côte-Rôtie 2018

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AOP Côte Rôtie Saint-Cosme rouge 2018 - Rating 92-95 :

One of the gems in the Northern Rhône lineup is the 2018 Côte Rôtie, which, as with all of Louis' wines, wasn't destemmed and was brought up in 30-40% new oak. Stunning aromatics of black raspberries, olive tapenade, ground pepper, violets, and assorted meat notes all flow to a medium to full-bodied, opulent, seamless Côte Rôtie that has a smoking good texture. Count me impressed.

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SAINT COSME Côte Rôtie 2018 – 95 points

Notes of char, iron and tobacco leaf accent penetrating black-cherry and cassis flavors in this muscular expression of Côte Rôtie. Produced from 100% whole-cluster Syrah and matured twelve months in 30% new French oak, it's a weighty, intensely structured red framed by firm, gripping tannins and a delicately earthen, meaty finish. While nervous in youth it should hit peak from 2023 and improve another decade still.