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Cost: \$30

More classic, focused and edgy, the 2012 Cornas Empreintes has bright acidity in its medium to full-bodied flavors of smoked herbs, beef blood, licorice and assorted dark fruits. The largest production cuvee, give it 2-3 years and drink it through 2022. Another brilliantly run estate in the Northern Rhône, Eric and Joel Durand have made rich, concentrated and textured 2012s that show the vintage nicely. These should drink nicely on release yet evolve gracefully. Their 2013s follow suit, with their top cuvee, the Cornas Confidence, being the only wine that will really require cellaring to become approachable. The style here is quasi-modern, with plenty of destemming and moderate new oak, but the wines all hold onto plenty of Cornas character. They're highly recommended. Importer(s): Fruit of the Vines Inc, 161 w 54th St #203, New York, NY 10019, (212) 765-2970 Paul M. Young Fine Wines, Los Angeles, CA, (213) 232-5199

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Looking first at their 2012s from Cornas, the 2012 Cornas Empreintes is pretty and fresh, yet still unformed and grapy. Fresh blackberry, chocolate and meatiness all emerge from this medium to full-bodied, supple, pure and polished 2012. Loaded with fruit and texture, it will dish out serious pleasure, but will need to be consumed in its first decade of life or so. The brothers Eric and Joel Durand, who started working with their father in 1988, have excelled in both 2011 and 2012. Importer: A Terrisson Wines Selection, imported by Fruit of the Vines, Long Island City, NY; tel. (718) 392-5640 Importer(s): Fruit of the Vines Inc, 161 w 54th St #203, New York, NY 10019, (212) 765-2970 Paul M. Young Fine Wines, Los Angeles, CA, (213) 232-5199

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