

**vinous****92**<sub>pts</sub>**Domaine Durand 2012 Cornas Confidence****Cornas, Northern Rhône****Red wine from France****Drinking window: 2021 - 2027**

Bright purple. Smoky blackberry and blueberry scents on the deeply perfumed nose; olive, peppery spice and floral notes add complexity. Densely packed dark berry preserve flavors pick up candied licorice and cola qualities with aeration, along with hints of licorice and candied flowers. Stains the palate and puts on weight with air, finishing with bright mineral cut, excellent tenacity and mounting tannins.

**Josh Reynolds. Tasting date: February 2016**

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**Domaine Durand**

With the exception of the Confidence bottling, the Durand brothers' wines are very accessible soon after release, but I've found them deceptively ageworthy as well. The Durands own just over 20 hectares of vines in Cornas and Saint-Joseph and make wines in a fruit-driven style, with some whole clusters, depending on the vintage, and judicious use of new oak.

**Grape/Blend**

Syrah

**Release price**

Not Available