



2013 Eric et Joel Durand Cornas Empreintes

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from France, Cornas, Northern Rhone, Rhone, France

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Rating: (91-93)

Drink -

Cost:

Another beauty, the 2013 Cornas Empreintes comes from slightly older vines and is destemmed, vinified in concrete tanks, and aged in 20% new barrels. Dark, inky black, it gives up decadent dark fruits, medium to full-bodied concentration and sweet tannin. For a cooler vintage, the texture here is shockingly rich and polished. As with the Prémices, it should drink well on release yet age gracefully. 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
