

JACQUES FRELIN

CROZES HERMITAGE 2001

This wine is not to be missed! A wonderful Syrah from the area of Tain l'Hermitage in the Rhône Valley, south of Lyon. Syrah grapes from six different organic vineyards were blended by Jacques to produce a wine of depth and power that will age gracefully for five to ten years. The wine was aged eight months in new oak barrels, fined with egg whites and lightly filtered before bottling.

Jacques Frelin is a central figure in French organic viticulture. His family owns Château du Moulin de Peyronin in Bordeaux and the Domaine de Clairac in southwestern France. His wines are consistently high in quality.

This is a hugely impressive Crozes Hermitage. A good solid Syrah with rustic simplicity. The luscious aromatics of this wine linger on and on.

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Still going strong, with dark plum, meat and iron notes running through the smoky finish. Turns a bit firm in the end, but good guts. Drink now through 2007.

