

Highly Recommended (continued) 90-94pts



Château Cesseras, Minervois La Livinière 2014 90 SF 91 JHS 90 JL 90
 £18.50 (2012) *Ocado*
 A dense and complex style, oaky without being excessively so, savoury yet tight-knit, supported by evident but supple and refined tannins. Expressive and resolute.
Drink 2018-2022 Alc 14%



Château des Crès Ricards, Stécia, Terrasses du Larzac 2016
 90 SF 90 JHS 89 JL 92
 £12.99 *Olivers Wine Warehouse*
 A smooth and suave style, offering aniseed, herbal and eucalyptus nuances against a backdrop of smoky red fruit and touches of vanilla oak. Rounded, long and fresh.
Drink 2018-2022 Alc 14.5%



Château Laville Bertrou, Minervois La Livinière 2016
 90 SF 90 JHS 88 JL 92
 N/A UK www.gerard-bertrand.com
 An attractive tripartite blend, with elegant tannins adorning notes of spiced black fruit, toasted nuts and hints of wild strawberry. Nicely judged, offering lots of southern French rusticity. **Drink 2019-2023 Alc 15%**



Clos Aguilém, Terrasses du Larzac 2016 90 SF 87 JHS 93 JL 91
 N/A UK www.closaguilem.com
 Evidence of some new oak here, with tell-tale notes of vanillin and mocha. Plush and rich in extract, yet accompanied by deliciously mouthwatering acidity and rounded tannins.
Drink 2019-2024 Alc 15%



Domaine Gayda, Villa Mon Rêve, Minervois La Livinière 2014
 90 SF 93 JHS 90 JL 87
 £49.99-£55 *Cambridge Wine Merchants, New Generation*
 Seductive notes of garrigue-infused red fruit, distinctly Mediterranean, interspersed with touches of nutmeg and blueberry. Nicely judged, effortless. **Drink 2018-2020 Alc 14%**



Domaine La Rouviolle, Minervois La Livinière 2013
 90 SF 90 JHS 94 JL 87
 £18.05-£20.99 *Corking Wines, Exel, Hallgarten, Strictly Wine*
 A big, more mature, oaky style, with a notable herbal-garrigue character encircling a lush sweetness of fruit, indicating this is still in great shape. Lovely. **Drink 2018-2021 Alc 14.5%**



Frédéric Portalié, Domaine de Montcalmès, Terrasses du Larzac 2015 90 SF 89 JHS 91 JL 90
 £29.50 *Yapp Brothers*
 Attractive and easygoing yet with a generous volume of red berry fruit and a fair dose of minty new oak, with acidity bringing welcome freshness. **Drink 2018-2022 Alc 14%**

'The 2016 vintage is a keeper, so bide your time and enjoy later'

James Lawther MW



Gérard Bertrand, Le Viala, Minervois La Livinière 2015
 90 SF 88 JHS 95 JL 87
 £58 *Hallgarten, Strictly Wine, Corking Wines*
 A more modern style with a big, powerful vanilla oak nose ushering in a ripe, full palate with lots of extraction and lush Syrah fruit. Highly impressive and concentrated, if not for the faint-hearted. **Drink 2019-2022 Alc 15%**



Marie et Frédéric Chauffray, Domaine de La Réserve d'O Hissez O, Terrasses du Larzac 2016 90 SF 89 JHS 90 JL 90

N/A UK www.lareservedo.fr
 Modern, oaky style: savoury, meaty aromas and a muscular palate. Deep, impressive, if not especially delicate. **Drink 2019-2023 Alc 14%**



Mas Cal Demoura, Terre de Jonquières, Terrasses du Larzac 2016 90 SF 90 JHS 89 JL 92

£24.99 *Alliance Wine*
 Nose of finely judged oak embellished with clove, violet and incense. Tightly packed red fruit and ripe, lush tannins mobilise the palate. Generous, persistent. **Drink 2019-2024 Alc 14%**



Mollard & Fillon, Vu d'en Haut, Terrasses du Larzac 2016
 90 SF 88 JHS 91 JL 91

N/A UK +33 (0)4 67 88 21 96
 A proper 'terroir' wine: inviting garrigue, pine and rosemary aromas mirrored on the palate; rounded yet grippy, with a satisfying freshness on the finish. **Drink 2018-2022 Alc 13.5%**