

Domaine Clape Cornas 2021

"This wine is my spirit animal! Unlike other appellations from the Northern Rhone, Cornas is always 100% Syrah, so that means violets, blackberries and plums with those other distinctive Syrah traits black olives, black pepper, barbeque smoke and meat drippings. In other words, it's the Syrah-ist Syrah of them all. You'd be hardpressed to find a bad one, but when it's time to splurge, hunt down a celebrated producer like Domaine Clape. When it comes to pairing, Syrah can fill the role of a mighty Cabernet alongside a dry-aged porterhouse. But it's meaty character complements smoked sausage or cassoulet, and its spicy nature hits it off with lamb gyro or five-spice duck."