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## 2016 BROTTE Viridi product-timed-pdf - Organic | Cotes du Rhone, France - 92 pts James Suckling

### Why We're Drinking It

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VIRIDI, latin for green, honours our understanding of organic viticulture and this very fruity, lovely and supple wine.

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### Tasting Notes

To the eye, the dress has a beautiful ruby red color. The nose expresses aromas of red fruits (raspberries) as well as slight spicy and herbaceous notes (liquorice, fresh herbs). The palate is fruity & round with a nice freshness. Aromas of strawberry jam and undergrowth express themselves and balance perfectly.

**VARIETAL**  
Rhône Blend  
**ALCOHOL**  
13.50  
**SIZE**  
750ml  
**BLEND**  
Rhône Blend

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### The Story to Know

Laurent Brotte operates this family-owned business, which encompasses the Domaine Barville estate, plus several other labels under the Brotte umbrella. Most famous of these is probably the La Fiole range, which includes the non-vintage La Fiole du Pape, normally a blend of wines from the past four vintages—30% wines that are three to four years old and 70% wines that are one to two years old. The Brotte range includes various offers from Cairanne and the Côtes du Rhône, which will be reviewed in Part 2 of my report. The wines are normally priced fairly for the quality. --Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate

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