JEB DUNNUCK **92+**

2025 Via Caritatis Ventoux Abbayes Syrah

The 2025 Ventoux Abbayes Syrah is 98% Syrah and 2% Grenache from the clay and limestone soils of the Clos de l'Annonciation and was aged in stainless steel and concrete with no wood. It shows darker berries, reductive hints of minerality, smoke, liquid violets, pepper, and hints of game. I love its overall balance and purity, and it's medium-bodied on the palate, with good concentration, ripe tannins, and outstanding length. Give it a year or two and drink over the following decade. Drink 2028-2038.

Via Caritatis is the label for the wines of the monks of the Abbaye Sainte-Madeleine du Barroux, the nuns of the Abbaye Notre-Dame de l'Annonciation, and local growers in the Ventoux. Jean-Dominique Artaud, then vineyard manager at Domaine de la Janasse, began advising the monks in 2010. The Abbayes Grenache, the Abbayes Syrah, and the Abbayes Clairette come exclusively from the two abbeys' vineyards, cultivated by the monks and nuns. The lineup also includes the Lux Excelsior, the Lux In Altis Blanc, and the Lux de Cælo Rosé.

- Jeb Dunnuck (10/21/2026)

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