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Above: The Guigal family spent nearly 15 years restoring Chateau d'Ampuis, the iconic 11th century property perched on the banks of the Rhône river. For generations, the building has remained a symbol of the region and of the world-renowned vineyards which surround it.



Gigondas 2019

Gigondas, France

ESTATE

The more you learn about the Guigal family, the more astounding becomes their story. Their wines are the benchmarks for every Rhône appellation, and over the last thirty years they have become arguably the most lauded producer in the world. Year after year the Guigal family produces wines of exceptional quality that in all classes offer exceptional value.

WINE

Guigal's Gigondas is an incredible introduction to serious Southern Rhône reds, and a show-stopper at the price. In the hands of Guigal, the rich ripe fruit and savory character of the wine bursts with sheer pleasure, yet the wine displays terrific refinement, complexity, length and ability to age.

VINEYARD

Soils: The dry, stony slopes are mostly comprised of ancient alluvia, red clay, and gravel; the combination uniquely produces substantial wines that are deep in color, with flavors of ripe summer fruits and savory herbs.
Yields: Average of 1.68 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 40 years

WINEMAKING

Grape Varieties: 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre
Fermentation: The wine sees a traditional lengthy maceration in stainless steel, punching down twice a day for good extraction
Aging: 2 years in oak foudres (50% new)
Alcohol: 15%

VINTAGE

2019 is another excellent vintage for the Rhône Valley, with exceptional potential quality in both the North and South. A dry spring was followed by a moderate summer featuring three distinct heat spikes; harvest occurred normally in mid-September. The grapes were ripe and concentrated with excellent natural acidity, and the wines are rich but balanced and expressive. Another superb vintage for the region.

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WINE ENTHUSIAST

"This wine provides a wonderful introduction to the region, especially for the price-point within its class. Juicy ripe rhubarb, wild strawberry, blackberry and savory herbs coat the palate with an impressive saline finish."
- A.C.C. 5/23

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