



2016 ALAIN JAUME Gigondas Terrasses de Montmirail France – Rhône Valley – Gigondas AOC



ABOUT VIGNOBLES ALAIN JAUME / DOMAINE GRAND VENEUR

Located in the Orange commune of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the Jaume family has been dedicated to the art of wine growing since 1826. Since 1979, the domaine has been run by 5th generation Alain Jaume, who is now helped by his children Christophe, Sébastien, and Hélène. The 225-acre estate covers several AOCs and 13 grape types, and produces wine under four labels: Grand Veneur, Alain Jaume, Domaine du Clos de Sixte & Château Mazane. The Grand Veneur and Clos de Sixte vineyards are certified organic.

ABOUT THE WINE

Gigondas earned its AOC designation in 1971. Acreage is around 3,000 acres, and production is around 458,000 cases annually.

The best wines of Gigondas are produced in the cool higher elevation, below the geological formation known as the Dentelles de Montmirail. This group of small mountains, eroded into sharp spikes, are the result of millions of years of accumulation of sediments (limestone and marl from the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, and sand and sandstone from the Cenozoic era), followed by the work of tectonic forces. Located on the Nîmes fault, the Dentelles were forced upright in the same processes that created the Pyrenees and the Alps. The resulting soil yields a unique variety of terroirs that produce very complex wines.

"The 2016 Gigondas Terrasses de Montmirail shows why everyone is excited about the 2016s in the Southern Rhône. A full-bodied, rich and velvety wine, it comes close to being chocolaty and fudge-like without closing that border, instead delivering dark plum and cherry fruit, dusty, earthy notes and savory spice. It should drink well for a decade or more." Joe Czerwinski, The Wine Advocate

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Vintage	2016
Appellation	Gigondas AOC
Varietal(s)	90% Grenache, 5% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre
Vinification	Traditional winemaking in stainless and concrete vats. Aging in vats and oak barrels; 12-14 months.
Soil	pebbled soil debris of Dentelles de Montmirail and clay
ABV	14.5%
Size	12/750ml
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