

Château Raspail



VINTAGE	2011
REGION	Rhône Valley
APPELLATION	Gigondas
VARIETAL	60% Grenache 30% Syrah 10% Mourvèdre
TERROIR	25% vineyard on slopes - 75% Gigondas tray
INFO	45 Ha (108.45 Acres) total vineyard Grenache planted in 1946 Hand harvested Vinification and aging in thermo-regulated concrete tanks

Sustainable Agriculture Practices

About the Estate:

Located in the southern Rhône, neighbor and little brother of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas wines are produced exclusively in the commune of Gigondas, around the Dentelles de Montmirail small range of mountains, vines being harvested as high as 600 meters. The name of the appellation is of roman origin. "Jocunditas" means great pleasure and enjoyment in Latin with the town being founded as a recreational site for the soldiers from the roman Second Legion. Château RASPAIL, a mecca of wine history in Gigondas, owes its name to Eugène Raspail, nephew of the illustrious politician. Their effigies are engraved in the stone façade, and on the balcony supported by two caryatids.

Since the Christian MEFFRE family acquired it in 1979, this prestigious vineyard has rediscovered its former notoriety. They also fully renewed the cellars to optimize vinification and terroir expression. Vineyard (planting, varietal, terroir selection, yields, pruning) and vinification, are now taken care by the young and highly talented son Francois MEFFRE. We did started to suggest with passion Ch. SAINT-JEAN Plan de Dieu (also owned by the MEFFRE family and fully handled by Francois), and are now as seduced and happy to suggest the Gigondas he is as involved and passionate, to fully express the amazing terroir potential of this prestigious AOC.

Tasting Notes:

Tender and appealing nose of dark, very rip fruits, chocolate and licorice.. mellow and so tender. Aromatically balanced, complex and powerful palate at the same time, on fruits' stones, plums, graphite, licorice... pure expression of Old Grenache...

Press Review:

« ...a knockout effort that offers up beautiful spice, crushed flowers and copious, sweet red fruits that flow to a medium to full-bodied, elegant and perfumed Gigondas... » - 90 Points, JD, Wine Advocate, Issue #210 (Dec 2013)