

## Château Raspail



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Rhône Valley</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Gigondas</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	60% Grenache 30% Syrah 10% Mourvèdre
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%
<b>TERROIR</b>	Rocky limestone soils 25% on the slopes / 75% Gigondas tray
<b>INFO</b>	45 Ha (108.45 Acres) total vineyard Grenache planted in 1946 Hand harvested Vinification and aging in thermo-regulated concrete tanks Unfined / Filtered <b>HEV 3, certified having High Environmental Value</b>

### About the Estate:

From the southern Rhône, neighboring Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas wines are produced around the Dentelles de Montmirail, a striking range of jagged peaks, where the vines harvested as high as 600 meters. The name of the appellation is of Roman origin - "Jocunditas" means great pleasure and enjoyment in Latin - for the town was founded as a recreational site for the soldiers from the Roman Second Legion.

Château RASPAIL is at the center of **of wine history in Gigondas**, founded by Eugène Raspail. Mr Raspail is a local historical figure, a 19th Century savant, groundbreaking winemaker, and promoter of his native Gigondas. Along with his uncle, the illustrious politician, their effigies are engraved in the stone façade of the chateau and on the balcony supported by two caryatids.

Since the Christian **MEFFRE family** acquired it in 1979, this prestigious vineyard has rediscovered its former glory. The family fully renovated the cellars to optimize vinification and terroir expression. Vineyard work (planting, varietal, terroir selection, yields, pruning) and vinification, are now taken care by the young and highly talented son **Francois MEFFRE**.

We discovered the MEFFRE family with their exceptional Chateau SAINT-JEAN Plan de Dieu. Francois's passion shines through this Gigondas to fully express the amazing terroir and potential of this prestigious AOP.

Organic Conversion starting with the 2020 Vintage

### Tasting Notes:

"The 2019 Gigondas showed beautifully, with a classic and Provençal style in its red and black fruit, pepper, garrigue, and spicy, sandalwood-like nuances. It's medium to full-bodied, balanced, has ripe tannins, and a solid length on the finish. This is a great vintage for the Southern Rhône, and this beauty will evolve nicely over the coming decade." **91 Points Jeb Dunnuck** (Oct. 2023)

### Food Pairing:

Braised venison shoulder, caramelized onions, scalloped potatoes. Duck cassoulet.

### Press Review:

"Juicy and supple in the mouth [...]. The red fruit note drives a long, smooth finish, featuring rounded tannins and lingering spiciness." 90 pts Vinous (Jan 2023)