

DOMAINE DE L'ESPIGOUETTE

« Gigondas » 2017

CRU DU RHÔNE



ORIGIN

Rhône Valley, France

APPELLATION

Gigondas – Cru du Rhône

VINEYARD

Average 45-year-old vines
planted in flint soils
Yield: 30h/ha

BLEND

70% Grenache
30% Mourvèdre

FARMING

Grapes are mechanically
harvested

WINEMAKING

Over 21-days of daily pump-
over and batonnage

AGING

Barrel aged for 12-18 months

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.5% Alc. |

FOOD PAIRING

Roasted meats, game, dishes
with truffles

Domaine de l'Espigouette's 2017 Gigondas is "the finest example of this cuvée I've tried," stated Joe Czerwinski of the Wine Advocate. The nose is teased with hints of flower and garrigue herbs only to be accented by fresh raspberry. The palate contrasts itself with its full-bodied structure yet gently tannic, silky mouth feel. If this wine were to be described in one word it would simply be enticing. It will drink well for the next 6-7 years and should be paired with roasted meats, game, and dishes that include truffle.

2017's Southern Rhône Vintage is full of structured and age worthy wines. The summer was a bit warmer than usual meaning that the fruits ripened quickly whilst remaining healthy. Due to this, the region produced wines full of natural freshness.

At Domaine de l'Espigouette, they carefully work the vineyard according to the climatic characteristics of vintage and different terroirs. This multiplicity of the soil allows for complexity to the different wines of the area, the rollers provide rich, bold wines, while sandy, clay soils provide elegance, finesse and depth to the wines. The average age of vines is 45 years for the Côtes du Rhône. The vineyards are harvested mechanically, but only when have reached maximum ripeness for the best concentration of fruit, and they are carefully sorted before harvest. After harvest the grapes go through over 21-days with daily pump-overs and batonnage at the end of fermentation.

Domaine de l'Espigouette has been owned by the family for four generations. The vineyard is now run by Bernard Latour, his wife and two sons, Julian and Emilien The estate vineyard is located in the Rhone Valley of France: Gigondas, Vacqueyras, Rasteau, Plan de Dieu, Violes, Jonquieres.

ACCOLADES

2017 Wine Advocate – 91 points

2017 Vinous – 92 points

2017 Wine Enthusiast – 95 points

"Alluring whiffs of violet and lavender mingle into cassis and preserved plum in this perfumed red. A blend of Grenache (70%) and Mourvèdre (30%), it's a rich, sultry sip framed by a rambling mineral undertow and fine, upright tannins. Approachable already it should improve through 2030 and hold further still." -W.E.

