



# DOMAINE DU PRADAS

## GIGONDAS

Since 2015, Domaine du Pradas estate has been operated by Elisa Cheron, the eldest daughter of Yves Cheron, owner of several estates in the Rhône Valley

The parcels of Domaine du Pradas are located in the heart of the Dentelles de Montmirail, surrounded by dense and abundant vegetation. The vines' vegetative cycle at Domaine du Pradas start more slowly than elsewhere, as the peak flowering period is much later, which avoids the risk of run-off caused by the sudden drops in temperature encountered in late spring. This was the case in 2017, where almost everywhere in the south of France, especially with the Grenaches varietal, the fruit was lost due to drastic drops in temperature. But the Grenaches from the Pradas estate have managed to preserve themselves in excellent condition.

This vintage's bunches of the grenache grape were magnificent and generous. They were first sorted, only allowing the intact grape berries to be kept, and then enter the cold maceration period. This helps to extract the aromas by punching down and daily pumping over throughout the vinification process. Fermentation is slow and gentle, 25 days under temperature control. Finally, the aging takes place in underground tanks for a minimum of 2 years from which the wine is bottled at the estate.

### ORIGIN

RHÔNE

### APPELLATION

Gigondas

### VINEYARD

50 and 25-year-old vines planted in red clay alluvial deposits with high scree content

### BLEND

75% Grenache  
25% Syrah

### FARMING

Low yields  
Hand-harvested and hand-sorted.

### WINEMAKING

Gravity-flow

### ACCOLADES

- 2017 Wine Advocate – 93 Points
- 2017 Wine Enthusiast – 93 Points
- 2017 Jeb Dunnuck – 91+ Points
- 2016 Wine Advocate – 92 Points
- 2015 Wine Advocate – 92 Points
- 2011 Wine Advocate – 89-91 Points

