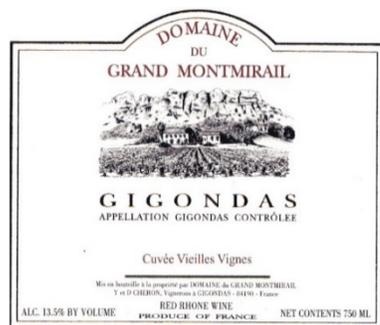


DOMAINE DU GRAND MONTMIRAIL « Vieilles Vignes » 2020 GIGONDAS

Single Vineyard – GPS 44.126089, 5.033168



ORIGIN

Rhône Valley

APPELLATION

Gigondas

SINGLE VINEYARD

Altitude: 365 Meters
55+ year old Grenache vines and 25+ year old Syrah and Mourvèdre vines planted in alluvial deposits on glacial terraces. High proportion of stones.

BLEND

60% Grenache
30% Syrah
10% Mourvèdre

FARMING

Hand-harvested; complete destemming.

WINEMAKING

Vinified in stainless steel tanks.

AGING

Grenache is aged in cement tanks for 3 years. 30% Syrah & Mourvèdre wines are aged in new oak barrels. Blending is done before bottling.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

15% Alc. |

Domaine du Grand Montmirail's 2020 'Vieilles Vignes' Gigondas is a fragrant masterpiece with the luscious display of raspberry patches and violet blossoms. On the palate, you can expect to experience a ripe yet somehow cool tone that comes through from a burst of minerality. The tannins are soft, almost soothing. You can expect to enjoy this wine through 2028.

2020's Southern Rhône vintage can be described as fresh, juicy, and immediate. When compared to the previous vintage, where you could taste the sun and heat-soaked vines, this year is distinctly different: refreshing, vibrant and deliciously drinkable. It's a perfect example of Mother Nature's contrasting ways.

On 59 acres of AOC Gigondas hillsides and terraces, mostly Grenache vines (55+ years old) along with Syrah and Mourvèdre (25+ years old) are planted in red clay soils with a high proportion of rocky stones. They benefit from a sunny Southern exposure and are sheltered from the blistering Mistral wind by the cliffs, which form a natural amphitheater. The high altitude of the vineyards (1,300 ft.) means cool fresh nights to counter the heat. These natural conditions lead to a supple and elegant Gigondas wine.

Denis Cheron acquired the Domaine du Grand Montmirail after moving to the Southern Rhône in the 1960s from Burgundy's Côte de Nuits, where his son Yves was born and where he learned about winemaking with the delicate Pinot Noir grape. Yves took over operations in the 1980s and turned an old convent on the property into fabulously placed living quarters for the family. His philosophy is simple: small-production wines straight from the source. The domaine extends over hillsides and terraces of the Southern Rhone, including the appellations of Gigondas, Vacqueyras, and Beaufort de Venise.

ACCOLADES

This vintage has not yet been rated.

