

DOMAINE LA SOUMADE

AOC GIGONDAS 2017

Single Estate – GPS 44.21671, 4.97247



ORIGIN

Rhône Valley

APPELLATION

AOC Gigondas

VINEYARD

15-year-old vines planted
in clay-limestone soils

BLEND

70% Grenache
30% Syrah

FARMING

Sustainable farming and
hand-harvested

WINEMAKING

Maceration: 15-25 days

AGING

Aged 18-months on fine
lees in demi-muids

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

15% Alc. |

Domaine la Soumade's 2017 AOC Gigondas is the definition of elegance. Its fragrant nose is full of black-cherry and plum with the unmistakable touch of the signature garrigue herbs and dark chocolate. The palate is exquisitely crafted with exceptionally fine tannins and well-balanced acidity. It is truly a wine that lives in perfect harmony.

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.

Domaine la Soumade covers 3 acres in the Gigondas appellation. Here you will find agriculture "raisonnée" practiced which prescribes only treating vines when it is absolutely necessary. This is to achieve the maximize expression of terroir's clay-limestone characteristics. The grapes from these 15-year-old vines are harvested by hand, with the best ones selected on a sorting table in the vineyard.

Domaine la Soumade is the story of one man, André Roméro, a passionate wine lover who founded the Domaine in 1979. Today he and his son, Frédéric, work to continue the tradition of creating beautifully balanced wines filled with a signature finesse. A new winery was built in 2002 and Stéphane Derenoncourt was brought on as the consultant winemaker. (Stéphane was declared by Wine Spectator in November 2010 to be the "the world's hottest winemaker.")

ACCOLADES

2017 Wine Enthusiast – 93 Points

2017 Jeb Dunnuck – 92 Points

2017 Wine Advocate – 91 Points

"Cutting minerality and zingy cassis and blackberry flavors abound in this full-bodied yet invigorating blend of Grenache (70%) and Syrah (30%). Sourced from limestone soils at a 1,300-foot elevation, it's an exuberant, fresh wine etched by sandy, lingering tannins. At peak now–2030." –W.E.

