



Gigondas Hommage à Gabriel Meffre

2017

"The flagship cuvée is the 2017 Gigondas Hommage à Gabriel Meffre, which is just about all Grenache (there's a splash of Syrah) that spent 18 months in demi-muids. The 2017 doesn't match the 2016, yet it's nevertheless a brilliant, sexy wine I'd be thrilled to drink. Notes of cassis, black raspberries, ground pepper, wild strawberries, and complex floral notes all flow to a medium to full-bodied Gigondas that has flawless balance, ultra-fine tannins, and a great, great finish. It's a rich, powerful wine, yet it never loses its sense of elegance and purity. Don't miss a chance to try this wine. It's going to keep for over a decade." Jeb Dunnuck – 26 septembre 2019"



Vintage

This vintage took place in weather conditions marked by high temperatures and a lack of rainfall. The harvest was particularly early. If the volumes were low, the quality is present with a vintage of very nice outfit. The berries, healthy, smaller, were concentrated with good balance and very pleasant aromas.

Grape varieties

98% Grenache, 2% Syrah

Terroir

'Hommage à Gabriel Meffre' is produced as a tribute to our founder, a great visionary and emblematic figure of Gigondas and the French winemaking world. Only produced in vintages in which the grapes achieve exceptional balance and concentration, the selected parcels of 60 to 100-year-old Grenache vines are located in the area of "Petit Montmirail" (alt. 200m), on sandy marl of the Oligocène period. This Grenache/Terroir combination is unique within the Gigondas appellation.

Winemaking

75% of the harvest was vinified with whole bunches. Aged in 1/2 muids barrels (600l), during 18 months. Manual harvest on September 21st, 2017. Bottled on April 24th, 2019: 2 959 bottles, 563 magnums and 6 jéroboams produced. Alc. by Vol.: 15% Vegan Friendly.

Service & food pairing suggestions

Roasted lamb baron with rosemary
Medallion of veal with morels sauce
Serve at 14-16°C and open a few hours before drinking.
Optimum maturity: 2019 through 2031.

AWARDS

95 pts Jeb Dunnuck

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93-94 pts Vinous

93 pts Wine Enthusiast

91 pts Wine Advocate