

GABRIEL MEFFRE

Gigondas Sainte Catherine

2013

"A deep aubergine robe, an intense black-fruit nose of plums and dark cherry and a full, intense presence on the palate. A thread of garrigue (rosemary, thyme, juniper) spice runs from start to finish, which is long and generous."



AWARDS

91 pts Vinous
90 pts Wine Advocate
13,5/20 Bettane & Desseauve
16/20 Jancis Robinson

Vintage

Harvest 2013 in the Southern Rhône Valley was a very specific one due to a seriousshortfall in Grenache grapes caused by a cold and wet Spring. Fortunately, theSyrah and Mourvèdre grapes were beautiful. The yields were then very lowwhich always gives a nice quality and wines that will keep well. In this veryunusual context Gigondas was one of the more successful appellations of theSouthern Rhône in 2013 with deep wines balanced by a good freshness.

Grape varieties

Grenache noir, Mourvèdre, Syrah

Terroir

The vineyards are situated on marl limestone deposits of the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, with a mix of sand and clay of the Tertiary era. The climate is Mediterranean, significantly influenced by the dry Mistral wind, a high level of annual sunshine and low rainfall, concentrated mostly in the Spring and Fall seasons.

Winemaking

The harvest is fully manual with a strict sorting of the grapes. Fermentation lasts approximately 3 weeks with temperatures limited to a maximum of 28° to 30° C. This favours an generous expression of the fruit and limits the extraction of harsh tannins. 35% of the cuvée is placed to oak barrels of one and two years for 11 months of maturing before being blended back with the vat-aged portion.

Service & food pairing suggestions

This Gigondas marries beautifully with stews (Boeuf Bourguignon, Rabbit Ragou), grilled steak and soft, ripe cheese.
Given its richness, it is highly recommended to serve at a cool temperature (14° to 16° C). Can be appreciated now for its youthfull livelyness or enjoyed over the next 6 to 8 years.

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L'abus d'alcool est dangereux pour la santé, à consommer avec modération. Déconseillé aux femmes enceintes.