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### **2017 Château de Saint-Cosme Gigondas 90-92**

A blend of 70% Grenache and the rest Syrah and Mourvèdre, the 2017 Gigondas is a sexy, ripe effort in a forward, already approachable style. Notes of black raspberries, graphite, pepper, and garrigue all dominate the bouquet, and it's going to drink nicely right out of the gate.

### **2017 Château de Saint-Cosme Gigondas Le Claux 94-96**

Notes of camphor, dried soil, crushed rocks, and loads of red and black fruits define the 2017 Gigondas Le Claux, which is 100% Grenache from a site just down the road from the estate. I always find a certain Burgundian character in this cuvée and it's certainly present in the 2017. With medium to full body, a beautiful elegance and purity, and fine tannins, give bottles a few years and enjoy over the following decade or more.

### **2017 Château de Saint-Cosme Gigondas Le Poste 94-96+**

More full-bodied, with incredible purity in its aromatics and fruit, the 2017 Gigondas Le Poste is another 100% Grenache cuvée that's from a slightly higher elevation, terraced vineyard near the domaine. As with all the cuvées here, it's not destemmed and is brought up mostly in used barrels. Offering lots of black currants, spice box, graphite, and licorice, it builds beautifully on the palate, has great concentration and intensity, and a blockbuster finish.

### **2017 Château de Saint-Cosme Gigondas Hominis Fides 96-99**

My favorite of the single vineyard cuvées in 2017 is the Gigondas Hominis Fides, which comes from a vineyard just across the street from Le Claux. It has a killer nose of exotic flowers, freshly crushed rocks, new saddle leather, flowers, spice, and violets. Possessing full-bodied richness, an incredibly sexy, seamless, yet powerful style, and an awesome finish, it's unquestionably one of the wines of the vintage.