



Château de St Cosme - "Hominis Fides" AOP Gigondas - red - 2011

Very old grenache vines. Full clusters..

Limestone sand from the Miocène times at the Lieu-dit «Hominis Fides».

Aged for twelve months:30% in new oak–40% in one year old barrels-30% in two years old barrels.

Ten millions years ago, a massive bit of the mediterranean sea had invaded the Rhone valley up to Lyon, all around the alps. The Ventoux and the Luberon mountains were islands... In these times, gigantic quantities of sand settled down in the area : under the town of Carpentras it can be found on 700 meters deep. This is very thick.

This sand is an exceptional soil to cultivate grenache, despite a low level of organic materials. But the vine is genetically a creeper and doesn't need much to survive : the humans should think about that. This soil doesn't feel much of the vintage variations : we saw that in 2008. Very dry on the surface, the sand is a great water storage : it marvellously regulates the needs of the vine. Hominis Fides 2011 looks like the previous vintages : it is complex, deep and refined. With its fine texture and its strength, it proposes a very specific wine profile. One more time I can only advise to keep these bottles for several years. Then you will be able to « read » the wine with more pleasure and freedom.

Blueberry, liquorish, almonds, musc. Bottled without filtration.