

Château de St Cosme - "Hominis Fides" AOP Gigondas - red - 2012

Very old grenache vines.

Limestony 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. Full clusters..

The famous limestony sands left by the Miocène sea are marvelous and enigmatic at the same time. They can be found in small quantites in Gigondas, at Chateau Rayas in Chateauneuf, in the Massif d'Uchaux, at Chateau de Montfaucon just on the other side of the Rhone river. They give to the grenache grape a very special expression, very refined and precise. The lieu-dit "Hominis Fides" was planted before 1902. Indeed, since our records date from 1902, all the vines already planted at this time were mentioned 1902, even if they were older. It doesn't change much: it is a respectable age anyway. This vine has the ability to compensate the excesses of the vintages: it beautifully regulates itself. In a hot year, it will balance the alcohol with a very good physiological ripening. In a cool year, it will ripe quicker than the other vines. This vine always help my work.

Aromas of the forest, musc, liquorish, blueberry Bottled without filtration