



## **Château de St Cosme - "Hominis Fides"**

### **AOP Gigondas - red - 2014**

Field blends of very old Grenache vines on Miocene limestone sand soils in the 'Hominis Fides' named vineyard.

Whole cluster fermentation. Twelve months' ageing: 20% in new casks – 50% in casks used for one wine - 30% in casks used for two and three wines.

Of all Saint Cosme's vineyards, Hominis Fides is the one with the greatest capacity to adapt to changes in climate. Although it doesn't like extremely hot vintages like 2003, it adapts to all other types, including the coolest and especially the most challenging. These Miocene limestone sand soils are still partly a mystery to wine growers: they retain water but not excessively and they contain virtually no organic matter, yet vines flourish here. It's true that vines are plants that require very little to grow. Nevertheless, the elements they do need have to be available and for that, soils have to be living. Micro-organisms have the extraordinary ability to help roots find their way to proper nourishment. Conversely, soil that is rich in organic matter can prove incapable of nourishing a plant properly due to lack of life. If there is no soil life, farming is no longer viable. It demonstrates what an aberration and how suicidal chemical farming is.

Even in 2014, in a 'gentler' vintage than usual, Hominis Fides displays its customary depth and velvet-like tannin grain. It shows extremely pure fruit, a harbinger of promise for the future.

Raspberry, pepper, truffle and violet. Bottled without filtering.