



Château de St Cosme - "Hominis Fides"

AOP Gigondas - red - 2017

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Very old mixed plantings of Grenache on Miocene limestone sand in the 'Hominis Fides' named vineyard. Whole clusters.

Aged for twelve months: 20% in new casks – 50% in casks used for one wine - 30% in casks used for two to three wines.

Miocene sand stems, in Gigondas and in the rest of the Rhone Valley, from a geological event subsequent to the great uplift of the Dentelles de Montmirail. When the Alps rose, they 'opened up' the Rhone Valley in the same way as if you tilted a sheet of paper, thus allowing the sea to gush in and snake its way along the valley. At that time, the sea covered Lyon, and extended all the way around the Alpine arc; the Luberon and the Ventoux were mere islands, prehistoric fish frolicked in the chapel of Saint Cosme and ammonites amassed in phenomenal quantities. It was then that sand settled in our region. It can be found in many sites across the southern Rhone Valley: in the uplands of Uchaux, Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas... Much later, the painstaking workers that we are decided to grow vitis vinifera on this sand, and ultimately it is here that Grenache would find an incredible environment to express itself. Old vine Grenache in Miocene sand equates to aromatic finesse, elegant texture and depth on the palate. As the wine matures, it takes on notes of Morey Saint Denis Pinot with its peony and red berry fruits. What a wonderful idea to have planted this vineyard at the dawn of the 20th century, 12 years before the Great War, one that is still with us today. Obviously, its voice is now more muted, but nevertheless persuasive.

Charcoal, violet, high altitude raspberry, white pepper

Bottled without filtration.