

# Gigondas 2014

## **Wine advocate**

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas 2014 – 90

“Starting off the 2014s, the 2014 Gigondas Classique is a blend of 70% Grenache, 15% Mourvèdre and the rest Syrah and a tiny splash of Cinsault. It’s a medium-bodied, balanced and impressive effort that offers terrific notes of ripe red and black fruits, olive tapenade and pepper. It’s well worth buying and will keep through 2024.”

“Unquestionably one of the reference point estates, not only for Gigondas, but for the entire Southern Rhône, Louis Barruol’s Château de Saint Cosme lies just outside the village and covers 25 hectares, with 15 of those located in Gigondas. He makes a fabulous traditional cuvee that has the ability to age for 10-15 years, as well as four single vineyard releases that are primarily Grenache. These single vineyard releases are year in, year out, some of the most impressive wines from the Rhône valley. The winemaking is a mix of modern and tradition, with the wines never destemmed but aged in barrels. Looking at these latest 2015s, Louis bet me a symbolic dollar that these would surpass his 2007s. I think I might win the bet, but not by much, and I’ll certainly be thrilled to lose. Either way, these are undeniably great wines that readers should buy as much as they can afford. The 2014s are more elegant and streamlined, yet they show none of the austerity or firmness that’s common in the vintage and have sweet fruit and ripe tannin. They’re already drinking nicely, but will easily keep for a decade or more.”

## **Wine spectator**

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas 2014 – 92 points

“Sports solid, charcoal-edged grip, from the get-go, with roasted alder and savory notes forming a robust frame around the chewy-edged currant, plum and bitter cherry paste flavors. The long, dark, smoldering finish lets the woody and herb accents stride though. Shows the cool-weather profile of the vintage.”

## **Decanter**

Decanter – May 2016

In “Vintage Report – Southern Rhône 2014,” John Livingstone-Learmonth reviews his top wines, including:

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas 2014 – 92 points

“Elegant, with fine potential on the nose. Tender, winsome red fruits in a neat roll of grassy, sweet herbs: serene, savory and balanced.”

## **Vinous**

2014 Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas 90

Dark ruby. Spice-accented strawberry, cherry liqueur and garrigue aromas show good clarity and a smoky mineral overtone. Taut and focused in the mouth, offering gently sweet red fruit, licorice and floral pastille flavors that deepen and open up slowly with air. The persistent finish is framed by subtle tannins and echoes the floral and mineral notes. All of the fruit that would normally make up the Valbelle bottling wound up in this wine. Tasted on barrels: 2014 Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas (90-92)

Brilliant ruby. Smoky cherry, boysenberry and potpourri scents show very good clarity and pick up a spicy quality with aeration. Intense red and blue fruit flavors are complicated by a floral pastille nuance. Finishes on a gently tannic note, delivering very good energy and spicy thrust. All of the Valbelle fruit was included in this bottling in 2014

## **Wine Enthusiast**

Wine Enthusiast – March 2018: CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas 2014 – 93 points

“Lavish and ripe, this full-figured red offers loads of plump black-cherry and raspberry flavors. It’s surprisingly vibrant on the midpalate, framed by fine, delicate tannins and a bracing hint of charcoal on the finish. Lovely already.”