

# Gigondas "Valbelle" 2015

## **Wine advocate**

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas Valbelle 2015 – 94-96

"Incorporating 10% Syrah, the Grenache-dominated 2015 Gigondas Cuvee Valbelle is another heavenly wine from Louis Barruol. Full-bodied, seamless and elegant, with lots of crème de cassis, crushed flowers, incense and white pepper, it has a touch less mid-palate depth than the single vineyards, but is impeccably balanced and will have two decades of longevity."

## **Wine spectator**

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CHÂTEAU SAINT COSME Gigondas Valbelle 2015 – 96 points

"This is packed with rich, succulent flavors of fig, boysenberry and blackberry compote, layered with anise, ganache and toasted apple wood notes. The strong, grippy spine is well-embedded through the lengthy finish, while the fruit easily keeps pace."

## **Jeb Dunnuck**

2015 Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas Valbelle - 96

There are 500 cases of the 2015 Gigondas Valbelle and it's another winner from this estate based on the normal 90/10 split of Grenache and Syrah. Fermented without destemming and aged in 20% new barrels, this beauty boasts a huge nose of smoked meats, pepper, camphor and layered black raspberry and cassis-like fruit. Full-bodied, opulent and powerful, with a big mid-palate and building tannin, it too will benefit from short-term cellaring and keep for two decades. All of these 2015s from Barruol are up near the top of the vintage and well worth the extra effort to track down.

## **Jancis Robinson UK**

COSME Gigondas Valbelle 2015 – 17 points out of 20

Cask sample.

"Tasted blind. Dark crimson. Real grip and intensity on the nose of this intriguing wine. Some saltiness and very smooth fruit. A total charmer already. The tannins come out to play only at the very end. Quite alcoholic on the end though."

## **James Suckling**

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT-COSME Gigondas Valbelle 2015 – 92 points

"Blend of 90% grenache and 10% syrah and a more spicy and structured take on the appellation. Attractive dark cherry and plum fruits on the palate. Drink now to 2025."