

# *Le Claux 2010*

## **Wine advocate**

98 points

Drink: 2014-2034

The opaque ruby/purple-hued, enormously concentrated 2010 Gigondas Le Claux (from vines planted in limestone soils; 150 cases produced) displays subtle notes of earth, black fruits and flowers in addition to a huge, opulent, full-bodied mouthfeel, good acidity and some structure and tannin in the finish. It will benefit from 2-3 years of cellaring and last for 15-20 years.

## **Wine spectator**

CHÂTEAU DE ST.-COSME Gigondas Le Claux - 98 points -

Dense, brooding and very dark, with a block of baker's chocolate at the core, studded with linzer torte, steeped blackberry and roasted fig notes. There's also lots of espresso and ganache, but still this has rapier, chalky cut through the finish, with alder, juniper and bay giving the flesh the angles it needs for balance. Stunning length. Best from 2015 through 2035. 250 cases made. -JM

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## **Stephen Tanzer**

(\$65) Deep ruby. A heady bouquet evokes candied red fruits, potpourri and incense, with a bright mineral overtone. Sappy and precise, offering juicy raspberry and cherry flavors that put on weight with air. Shows great precision on the strikingly persistent finish, which features intense red fruit liqueur and floral elements and harmonious, fine-grained tannins.

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## **Decanter**

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas «Le Claux» 2010, 98 points

«Beautifully harmonious palate, cooling, all very much in perfect balance, and just coming into maturity now, with a long time to go before it really hits its peak. Long, bassy fruit tones, all imbedded with spice. Exceptionally long. A very serious wine in the making.»