

Le Claux 2011

Wine advocate

96 points - Full-bodied, layered and voluptuously textured, the 2011 Gigondas Le Claux (which comes from limestone soils and vines planted in 1914) has gorgeous lavender, incense, dried underbrush and floral notes, as well as a knockout core of black raspberry and black cherry-styled fruit. Seamlessly constructed, with loads of fruit, fine tannin and excellent overall freshness, it can be enjoyed anytime over the coming decade or more.

Wine spectator

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Score: 95

Release Price \$102

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Region Southern Rhône

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Tasting Note

Delivers a blaze of cassis, steeped plum and blackberry fruit, tightly coiled with chalky minerality and backed by lilting bergamot, rooibos tea and blood orange notes. Shows great grip on the finish, with acidity-driven cut and precision. The better of two bottles tasted. Best from 2015 through 2030. 375 cases made.

—JM

Stephen Tanzer

Saturated ruby. An exotically perfumed bouquet offers candied red and dark berries, potpourri and Asian spices. Shows pinot noir-like vivacity, with sappy raspberry and boysenberry flavors lifted and sharpened by juicy acidity. Fine-grained tannins give grip to a long, floral-dominated finish. Barruol told me that he thought that this might be the best wine of all his '11s.

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