

Le Claux 2018

Wine advocate

Wine Advocate- End of November 2020: CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas Le Claux 2018 - 96 points

"From a single parcel of old-vine Grenache, the 2018 Gigondas le Claux matured in a mix of new, one- and two-year-old barrels. Full-bodied, rich and expansive, it combines notes of black cherries, roses, black tea and asphalt with vanilla and hints of cigar box. Ripe, supple and velvety, it's a seductive example of Gigondas that should drink well for more than a decade". Joe Czerwinski

Drink Date: 2021 - 2032

Wine Advocate – Issue 244, End of August 2019 : CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas Le Claux 2018 – 95-97 points

"Everything about the all-Grenache 2018 Gigondas le Claux is big. From the huge black cherry and blackberry fruit, to the insane levels of concentration, the rich, velvety tannins and the never-ending, licorice-tinged finish, this beauty should evolve positively for at least a decade and a half."

Wine spectator

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CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas Le Claux 2018 – 95 points

"Quite ripe, with waves of warmed plum sauce and blackberry preserves rolling through, wrapped liberally with licorice root, sage and lavender notes. Iron minerality runs through the finish, letting the fruit and savory notes meld wonderfully. Built for the cellar. Best from 2022 through 2035. 250 cases made, 80 cases imported. — JM"

Decanter

95 pts

Dark plums and violets here alongside roses which give a deep, heady florality. On the palate it's very broad and expansive, with deeply integrated acidity and deeply ingrained oak. It's very long and powerful with quite raised alcohol but manages to retain a sense of freshness.

Jeb Dunnuck

AOP Gigondas, "Le Claux", rouge, Château de Saint-Cosme 2018 - Rating 95 Tasting date: 10/06/2020

Coming from a site just across the road from the Hominis Fides vineyard, the 2018 Gigondas Le Claux was not destemmed and brought up mostly in used, larger barrels. Beautifully Provençal notes of black raspberries, camphor, flowery incense, and peppery spice and emerge from the glass and this beauty reminds me of a Grand Cru Red Burgundy on the palate with its seamless, elegant, layered texture. It's not a blockbuster like the 2016 and 2017 yet shines for its complex aromatics and flawless balance. It also has more than enough structure to evolve for two decades.

AOP Gigondas, "Le Claux", rouge, Château de Saint-Cosme 2018 - Rating 93-95 Tasting date: 26/09/2019: The 2018 Gigondas Le Claux comes from a single vineyard located just down the road from the domaine, across the street from the Hominis Fides parcel. Notes of camphor, incense, spice box, and black raspberries all flow to a forward, medium to full-bodied, elegant effort that has soft, ripe tannins. It's another wine that shows the style of the vintage beautifully. Drink it any time over the coming 15 to 20 years.

Wine Enthusiast

"Wine Enthusiast – May 2021

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas Le Claux 2018 – 97 points (Editors' Choice)

"Le Claux is sourced from a Grenache-dominant field blend, with vines dating back to 1870. Vinified in

whole clusters and matured in 20% new oak, it's a penetrating, finessed wine that juxtaposes rippling black cherry and boysenberry flavors against veins of crushed salt, licorice and smoke. Chalky tannins and a spray of violet perfume a long finish. It's stunning in youth but should improve through 2035."