

Le Claux 2021

Decanter

Matt Walls, 93pts "This is very good - ripe, with the fruit to stand up to the oak. Good acidity, balanced alcohol, some length too. A touch of caramel on the finish, and cinnamon sugar. Very old vines, all whole-cluster fermented in concrete, no destemming, indigenous yeasts and matured 100% in barriques; one-third new, one-third second-use, one-third third-use."

Jeb Dunnuck

Jeb Dunnuck, 93-95 pts "More savory red and black fruits, dried herbs, loamy earth, and camphor notes emerge from the 2021 Gigondas Le Claux, a classic, almost old school-like Gigondas offering medium to full-bodied richness, ripe tannins, and a great finish."

Vinous

Josh Reynolds, 95-97pts "Brilliant violet color. Displays pungent, mineral and spice-accented cherry, black raspberry, potpourri and licorice aromas, along with hits of savory herbs, vanilla and incense. Chewy and thighly focused on the palate, offering bitter cherry, dark berry and Moroccan spice flavors that unfurl slowly through the back half. It closes with firm tension, chewy tannins and excellent tenacity, leaving resonating cherry and floral notes behind. All barriques, a third of them new."

Jancis Robinson UK

Jancis Robinson, Rating : 16+, "Tasted blind. Very juicy and appealing nose. Lots of strawberry fruit, dense mocha and prominent oak. The palate is rich, layered with oak-derived tannins a little dominant at the moment-but there is a good fruit weight to support this. Just sufficient acidity but an opulent, ripe style for the vintage."