

Le Poste 2009

Wine advocate

2009 Chateau de Saint Cosme Gigondas, "Le Poste"

Rating : (92-94) points

The 2009 Gigondas Le Poste (from limestone soils) is aged in a slightly different way (50% new oak and 50% 1-year-old barrels are used). This vineyard was ravaged by hail in 2009, so only 75 cases were made from 2.47 acres. Normally this cuvee would be 100% Grenache, but in order to vinify the wine, Barruol had to add 30% Syrah, breaking his overall philosophy that these single terroir wines have to be 100% Grenache. In any event, while this wine is made in a slightly different style, it is an outstanding effort displaying a deep ruby/purple color along with sweet blackberry, cassis and floral notes, full body, a chewy style and plenty of well-concealed tannins. It should drink well for 10-12 years.

Wine spectator

CHÂTEAU DE ST.-COSME Gigondas Le Poste 2009 - 96 points -

Broad and deep, delivering gorgeous perfumy black tea and warm anise notes up front, followed by dense flavors of bittersweet cocoa, roasted fig, hoisin sauce and smoked alder wood. The long, fleshy finish has great cut, with a singed iron note hanging on. Offers terrific range and length. The most compelling Gigondas being made right now. Best from 2012 through 2023. 100 cases made. —JM

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