

# Valbelle 2016

## **Jeb Dunnuck**

2016 Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas Valbelle 95-97

Coming from sandy, limestone soils near the Hominis Fides lieu-dit, the 2016 Gigondas Valbelle is 90% Grenache and 10% Syrah brought up in 20% new barrels. This beauty offers more classic dark fruits, camphor, Asian spices, and graphite as well as a full-bodied, expansive, ripe, yet perfectly balanced style on the palate. My money is on this being the finest example of this cuvee to date.

## **Drink Rhône John Livingstone**

CHATEAU DE SAINT COSME VALBELLE 2016

(casks) dark red robe. The bouquet has an inner oiliness, ripeness, holds blackberry close to lozenge form fruit, black olives. It's securely deep, not showy. The palate attacks on menthol and compact, tangy black berry fruit, further black olives with some dark chocolate, tar towards the finish, the oak in play there. This is a well-bodied wine that covers its territory fully and widely, has a southern intensity from within as it ends, notes of dates there. It's a big wine at heart. From 2022. 2040-43 Oct 2017

## **Jancis Robinson UK**

Ch de St-Cosme, Valbelle 2016 Gigondas 17+

80% Grenache, 20% Syrah.

Wonderful herbal, stemmy note with exquisite black fruit and smoke notes. Effortless and elegant but with enough firmness of structure to last a long time. Moderate intensity on the length.

Drink 2018-2030