

# Valbelle 2012

## **Wine advocate**

94 - One of the more limited production releases, the 2012 Gigondas Cuvee Valbelle (which comes from a blend of terroirs) exhibits fabulous cassis, cocoa dusted meat, dried herbs, soy sauce and Asian spice-box-like aromas and flavors. Medium to full-bodied, deep, concentrated and structured, it's a powerhouse of a Gigondas that will have 15+ years of evolution.

92-94 points : A bigger, richer effort, the 2012 Gigondas Valbelle is brilliant! Seamless, full-bodied, rich and beautifully textured, as well as with considerable structure, it offers notions of creamy raspberry, creme de cassis, toast and licorice in its impressive, layered personality. It got a big "Wow" in the notes and should be a wine to grab up on release.(Not yet released)

## **Wine spectator**

CHÂTEAU DE ST.-COSME

Gigondas Valbelle 2012

Score: 94

Release Price \$84

Country France

Region Southern Rhône

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Tasting Note

A broad, muscular style, with red and black currant paste favors, bolstered by a graphite underpinning. Bittersweet cocoa, bay leaf and smoldering tobacco accents lurk in the background, adding extra bass to the finish. This offers loads of grip, but needs time to settle down. Best from 2016 through 2030. 34 cases imported.

-JM

## **Stephen Tanzer**

92 - 2012 Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas Valbelle Inky ruby. Powerful, deeply pitched aromas of ripe dark fruits, pungent flowers and woodsmoke are lifted by a hint of peppery spices. Smooth, broad and sweet on the palate, offering very good depth to the intense black raspberry and floral pastille flavors. Dusty tannins come up slowly on the finish, which lingers with outstanding persistence and repeating floral notes.