

Le Claux 2016

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2016 Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas Le Claux 99-100

The 2016 Gigondas Le Claux has slightly more mid-palate depth compared to the Hominis Fides, yet is also more tannic and structure. Damp clay, forest floor, currants spice and huge minerality all soar from the glass and this full-bodied beauty has an unctuous texture that's currently hiding serious amounts of tannin. Forget bottles for 4-5 years and enjoy over the following 15+.

Drink Rhône John Livingstone

CHATEAU DE SAINT COSME LE CLAUX 2016 ()

(casks) dark red robe. The nose is marked by raspberry, mulberry fruits with a liqueur note, some crunchy dried herbs also. The palate expresses spiced Grenache, plum fruits, with cordite in the tannins, a rocky face from them. The finish is mixed swirl of red fruits, teasing menthol, thyme, cool strikes. The content has a fine quality, a discreet richness. The smoky, cool tenor on the finish is inviting. This hides its light under a bushel for now: it will become deftly nuanced with varied prompts, and a rather Burgundy meets Gigondas style. Marks for purity here. From 2021-22. 2039-41 Oct 2017

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Ch de St-Cosme, Le Claux 2016 Gigondas 17.5+

95% Grenache, 5% Syrah.

Mixes sophisticated oak spices with firm tannin and gorgeous floral perfume like violet and lavender. Very expressive and rich. Long, firm palate on the finish.

Drink 2020-2036