



# E. GUIGAL

## Gigondas 2015

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#### ESTATE

The more you learn about the Guigal family, the more astounding becomes their story. Their wines are the benchmarks for every Rhone appellation, and over the last thirty years they have become arguably the most lauded producer in the world. Year after year the Guigal family produces wines of exceptional quality that in all classes offer exceptional value.

#### WINE

Guigal's Gigondas is an incredible introduction to serious Southern Rhône reds, and a show-stopper at the price. In the hands of Guigal, the rich ripe fruit and savory character of the wine bursts with sheer pleasure, yet the wine displays terrific refinement, complexity, length and ability to age.

#### VINEYARD

*Soils:* The dry, stony slopes produce substantial wines that are deep in color, with flavors of ripe summer fruits and savory herbs.

*Farming:* The vineyards of Gigondas are planted on hillsides at the foot of Mont Ventoux, directly north-east of the town of Orange in the southern Rhône Valley. Average age of the vines is 40 years. Guigal selects wines from small domaines to produce a blend which is true to the appellation, yet polished, refined, and capable of aging many years.

*Grape Varieties:* 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 10% Mourvedre

#### WINEMAKING

*Fermentation:* The wine sees a traditional lengthy maceration.

*Aging:* 2 years in oak, of which 50% are new.

#### VINTAGE

2015 is the best overall year in the Southern Rhône Valley since 2010, with good quantities of healthy fruit, ample ripeness – the challenge was managing the long, hot season- and many pockets where the wines go beyond good to very good and outstanding. The generous richness is tempered by Guigal's long aging and development of the savory, spicy characteristics of the fruit they select. In our opinion, this 2015 Gigondas will go down as one of the greatest Guigal has produced yet!



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#### WINE ADVOCATE

"The 2015 Gigondas is remarkable for its elegance. Sourced largely from higher-altitude vineyards, it's evolved in a red-fruited direction, offering cranberry and cherry notes accented by hints of clove and allspice. Medium to full-bodied, with a creamy mid-palate and silky tannins on the finish, it drinks well now and should continue to do so for at least another 6-7 years."