



DOMAINE DU CLOS DES TOURELLES



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Domaine du Clos des Tourelles, a place out of time, surrounded by his "clos" of old Grenache.

THE VINTAGE

This 2017 vintage will be remembered as the year of all records: the driest year in 30 years, non-interventionist vineyard work, optimal harvest conditions, a very small yield due to climatic hazards, and wines with very rich potential.

DESCRIPTION

Vines and old vines from this vineyard, whether from the mid-slopes or from the heart of the "Clos", provide the wine with elegance and a unique aromatic finesse.

SITUATION

The "Domaine des Tourelles" is located at the foot of the village of Gigondas. The vineyard, which includes a "Clos" directly next to the Property and the village, is orientated north west and enjoys a cool microclimate which allows late harvests.

TERROIR

The vineyard's soils are calcareous, with a very specific sandy matrix, which can be felt more specifically within the "clos".

PROCESS

The harvest date is defined by regular checks on the ripeness and berry tastings. The harvest is manually picked and the greatest care is taken with the bunches that are used whole in vats. After a few days of maceration, the fermentation starts spontaneously with the indigenous yeasts. The extraction is mainly done by light punch downs. After pressing in a vertical press, the wines are aged in oak Foudres for a year and a half.

VARIETALS

Grenache noir, Syrah

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 vintage, despite its great youth, is already a great wine, there is flesh, volume, it's full-bodied. Very nice fruit, very fine. The small black cherries, the griotte cherries, the blackberries, the blackcurrants, it is all very elegant and sophisticated. Grenache offers its full ample aromas. Rich and dense, the wine is perfectly balanced with fine and smooth tannins and a long and powerful finish. It shows notes of crisp black fruit and a very elegant aromatic bouquet.

SERVING

Serve at 16°C.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

JEB DUNNUCK 94-96/100

"More red fruits, garrigue, spice, and obvious minerality define the 2017 Gigondas Clos des Tourelles, which comes from vines inside the village of Gigondas. It's full-bodied, elegant and seamless, with gorgeous purity of fruit, and fine yet certainly present tannin. It's going to drink beautifully out of the gate and keep for 10-15 years."

Jeb Dunnuck, 01/08/2018





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Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

96-98/100

"Even better than I remember it being last year, and potentially edging out the L'Argnée this vintage, the 2017 Gigondas Clos des Tourelles is just flat-out terrific juice. From yields around 15 hectoliters per hectare, it's 80% Grenache and 10% each Mourvèdre and Syrah, all aged in foudre. Soaring floral notes of rose petals, violets and garrigue appear on the nose, followed by ripe raspberry flavors that flow almost weightlessly across the silky, full-bodied palate. So fine, so elegant, so long, it nearly left me speechless."

Wine Advocate, 30/08/2019



Antonio Galloni
vinous
explores all things wine

95/100

"Opaque, bright-rimmed ruby. Intensely perfumed, mineral-accented cherry and dark berry scents are accompanied by suggestions of licorice, candied flowers and exotic spices. Fleshy and broad in the mouth, offering deeply concentrated cherry pastry and blackberry flavors that become more energetic as the wine stretches out. Shows superb energy and mineral lift on an impressively long, subtly tannic finish that leaves behind a suave floral note."

Vinous, 20/02/2020

