



Domaine du Clos des Tourelles - 2016

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

PRESENTATION

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.

THE VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage in the Southern Rhone valley is exceptional, both in terms of quality and quantity, thanks to idyllic weather conditions that protected the region from climatic accidents throughout the whole year.

LOCATION

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".

AGEING

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

SERVING

Serve at 16°C.

TASTING

The 2016 Gigondas Clos des Tourelles is absolutely beautiful, lovely depth and concentration in the vintage, with full-bodied power, fantastic ripeness and very elegant tannin. Superb wine that will have minimum 15 years of longevity.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

JEB DUNNUCK 99/100

"As with the 2017, the 2016 Gigondas Clos des Tourelles comes from vines inside the village. It's noticeably deeper in color than the La Gille and gives up a huge bouquet of blueberries, violets, smoked duck, and crushed rocks. Deep, full-bodied, concentrated, and multi-dimensional, it has building tannin and a huge finish. It needs time, but wow, what a wine. Hats off to the Perrin family for this utterly sensational wine."

Jeb Dunnuck, 27/08/2018





97/100

"Aged entirely in foudres, the 2016 Gigondas Clos des Tourelles is an amazing effort that may equal Beaucastel's Châteauneuf-du-Pape this vintage. You taste all the components—raspberries, cherries, tree bark, blueberries and spice—but they also merge together seamlessly into a wine that's full-bodied, rich and long yet weightless and supremely agile. Yes, there's early-drinking appeal, but it should age easily through 2035 or so."

Wine Advocate, 31/10/2018



96/100

"Saturated ruby. Intensely perfumed, smoke- and mineral-accented black raspberry, cherry pie, blueberry exotic spice and candied lavender aromas show sharp delineation and pick up a smoky mineral nuance with air. Sweet and expansive on the palate, offering deeply concentrated yet lively red/dark berry liqueur, fruitcake and floral pastille flavors and hints of licorice and musky rhubarb. The extremely long, energetic finish shows vibrant mineral cut, an echo of sappy red fruit and velvety tannins that sneak in late."

Josh Raynolds, Vinous, 20/02/2020

