



# FAMILLE PERRIN

## Les Crus



### Famille Perrin Gigondas "La Gille"

*Produced on sandy soils, which cover a small part of the appellation, Grenache expresses great softness and is very aromatic without being heavy. This wine is full bodied but with finesse at the same time.*

#### PRESENTATION

The vines grow on limestone, calcareous marl and sandy soils, giving the Grenache immense finesse and elegance with unique aromas.

#### THE VINTAGE

The 2011 vintage is a vintage of contrasts. That is to say an unusually hot, dry spring followed by a wet and rainy beginning of July and then an Indian summer lasting until the end of October. Carefully sorting and destemming the harvest allowed for a great vintage, particularly for the late harvest varieties.

#### LOCATION

Located mid-hill, just under the village centre, the Famille Perrin vineyard is amongst the most historical vineyards in Gigondas. It benefits from a flow of cold air which blows through the valley situated to the west of the village.

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#### TERROIR

Limestone, calcareous marl, clay and sand. The vines are planted on terraces, facing northwest.

#### AGEING

The whole harvest is destemmed. Vinification in wooden truncated casks and stainless steel tanks. Ageing in Foudres and barriques.

#### VARIETALS

Grenache, Syrah

#### SERVING

Serve at 16°C with a veal chop with morels or a crispy lamb breast.

#### TASTING

Colour: Bright ruby red with purple undertones

Nose: Cherries, thyme, blackberries

Mouth: Round and full bodied with elegant tannins and great balance



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REVIEWS AND AWARDS

"Ch?teauneuf-du-Pape and Gigondas are Southern Rh?ne cousins since both are blends with lots of Grenache usually at the top. A great example of the breed, this wine needs an hour of air to soften its weight. Lovely fruit atop faint earth notes."

**Dan Berger's Vintage Experience, 11/06/2015**

87-89/100

"The basic 2011 Gigondas La Gille possesses sweet black and red fruits intermixed with earthy soil nuances, pepper and crushed rock as well as a hint of spring flowers. It is a medium-bodied Gigondas that is elegant and quite pure.

As I said last year, the Perrin family is a large one indeed, with brothers Jean-Pierre and Francois sitting at the top of the hierarchy and their four sons, Mathieu, Pierre, Thomas and Marc increasingly taking charge of their negociant business and their extensive estates throughout Southern Rhone. Now controlling over 1200 acres, as well as having a network of contracts, this operation is the equivalent of a major Southern Rhone train operating at high speed. Moreover, they are doing some incredible work in all price ranges. Other 2011s that the Perrin boys have produced include the following wines, which were very good across the board, especially for 2011s. In particular, readers need to take a hard look at their estate in Vinsobres, which is making the finest wines of that appellation, and more recently, what they are doing in Gigondas with the estate they purchased there, Clos des Tourelles. These are special wines. There are now three cuvees of Gigondas from the Perrins - the Gigondas La Gille, the Gigondas Vieilles Vignes and the Gigondas Clos des Tourelles. All three merit serious attention. Tasting the 2010s, which were all set to go into bottle right after my visit, certainly shows that this vintage is impressive, although I'm not sure that Marc and Pierre Perrin haven't done as good a job with their selections in 2011. Three cuvees of Gigondas look to all have outstanding potential and will probably be in bottle by the time this report is published."

**Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate, 01/10/2012**

88-90/100

"Vivid ruby. Floral-accented aromas of raspberry, cherry and anise. Supple and juicy, offering fresh red fruit and floral flavors and a touch of white pepper. Gentle acidity gives lift and focus to the finish, which features silky, fine-grained tannin and appealing sweetness."

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 01/02/2013**



87/100

"The 2011 Famille Perrin Gigondas La Gille is a medium-bodied, supple and elegant effort that gives up plenty of spice, cedar and leather, with primarily dried red fruit nuances. It's ready to go and should be consumed over the coming couple of year."

**Jeb Dunnuck, Wine Advocate, 01/11/2013**



90/100

"Spicy and herbal, this is a bright, fresh Gigondas with wild cherry and cherry wood scents. It's supple and fine, with a gloss of oak, an aristocratic Gigondas for leg of lamb."

**Wine & Spirits, 01/02/2014**



"Fine quality. This is a medium rich, full bodied Gigondas with excellent flavor and balance. It is long on the finish, and tastes of blackberry, violet, black pepper, black licorice, herbs, and cherry."

**Restaurant Wine**

91/100

"All of the Famille Perrin wines seems to be getting stronger with each passing year, and that's really saying something when addressing the 2011, which follows great southern Rhône vintages in 2009 and 2010. This doesn't quite have the weight of the 2009 nor the brightness of the 2010, but it is a wonderfully seamless, complete wine that shows open red fruit notes, medium body, delicate tannins and acidity, and a subtle savory note that really lends enduring interest from sip to sip. This is a wine that will be very easy to enjoy on its own, highly versatile with food, and even suited to 4 or 5 years of cellaring for added aromatic complexity."

**Michael Franz, Wine Review Online, 01/03/2016**

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