



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.



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 2018 vintage is characterised by exceptional weather conditions. Flowering took place in the best possible conditions, with a historically abundant grape output. A few rainy episodes at the end of the spring complicated things a little with an attack of mildew, but the good weather then settled down until harvest, which took place under idyllic conditions. The wines are beautiful.

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

Le Clos des Tourelles 2018 has a beautiful deep red colour with purple reflections and reveals a very expressive and seductive nose with powerful notes of black olives and blackcurrant. Particularly dense and concentrated on the palate, it develops a perfect balance between the freshness of the fruit and the complexity of the aromas, reinforced by a beautiful tannin structure. The finish is elegant and long.



REVIEWS AND AWARDS

JEB DUNNUCK

96+/100

"I always love this cuvée. The 2018 Gigondas Clos Des Tourelles is mostly Grenache and comes from a walled vineyard just outside the village of Gigondas. Its medium ruby color is followed by a Provençal bouquet of dried spices, peppery garrigue, new saddle leather, candied violets, flowery incense, and both red and blue fruits. Full-bodied, beautifully textured, and nicely concentrated, with enough tannins to warrant 2-3 years of bottle age, it's going to drink nicely for 10-15 years or more. It's a gorgeous Gigondas."

Jeb Dunnuck, 06/10/2020



93-95/100

"With the Grenache yields down by one-fourth this year, the 2018 Gigondas Clos des Tourelles is only 65% Grenache, with the balance a blend of Mourvèdre and Syrah. Aged in concrete and foudre, it offers up hints of leather and cherries on the nose. It's full-bodied, more robust and sturdier than the L'Argnée yet almost as silky and elegant on the extended finish."

Wine Advocate, 30/08/2019

Decanter

95/100

"This has bags of energy and vibrancy with brisk saline tannins that mark it out as very Gigondas. It's beautifully pure, vivid, vibrant and electric with a touch of reduction; blackberry pastille and pate de fruits. It's a pretty punchy style this year with intense tannins alongside very bright, pure fruit. From a few plots around the centre of the village, currently organic but in biodynamic conversion. Matured in foudres."

Decanter, 20/11/2019



94-96/100

"Deep lurid violet. Powerful, spice- and mineral-accented blue fruits, exotic spices and a hint of garrigue on the expressive nose. Juicy and energetic on the palate, offering intense cherry, boysenberry and floral pastille flavors that put on weight with air while maintaining urgency. Shows superb delineation and mineral cut on a strikingly long, precise finish that leaves a suave candied floral note behind."

Vinous, 20/02/2020

Wine Spectator

93/100

"Lively, with a mix of bouncy cherry and blackberry paste flavors streaked with licorice snap and apple wood notes. Shows good underlying minerality through the finish."

Wine Spectator, 30/09/2021

