



ORIGIN
RHÔNE

APPELLATION
Gigondas

VINEYARD
50+ year-old grenache vines and 20-year-old vines planted in alluvial deposits on glacial terraces. High proportion of stones.

BLEND
60% Old-vine Grenache;
30% Syrah;
10% Mourvèdre

FARMING
Hand-harvested;
complete destemming.

WINEMAKING
Vinified in stainless steel tanks. Grenache is aged in cement tanks for 3 years. 30% Syrah & Mourvèdre wines are aged in new oak barrels. Blending is done before bottling.

ALCOHOL CONTENT
14.5%

DOMAINE DU GRAND MONTMIRAIL

« Vieilles Vignes »

GIGONDAS

On 59 acres of AOC Gigondas hillsides and terraces, mostly Grenache vines (50+ years old) along with Syrah and Mourvèdre (20-year-old vines) are planted in red clay soils with a high proportion of rocky stones. They benefit from a sunny Southern exposure and are sheltered from the blistering Mistral wind by the cliffs, which form a natural amphitheater. The high altitude of the vineyards (1,300 ft.) means cool fresh nights to counter the heat. These natural conditions lead to a supple and elegant Gigondas wine.

Owner Yves Cheron's formative experience in Burgundy, with a single-varietal as delicate as Pinot Noir, is manifested in the refined elegance he creates in an appellation often perceived as rustic. This particular wine showcases this brilliantly, with Grenache bringing power, body and warmth to the wine, while Mourvèdre fleshes out the structure and Syrah supplies longevity. Plum and cherry flavors maintain a perfect balance, an intensely refined structure with hints of white pepper. The spicy flavors and rich texture make this Gigondas an ideal match for pork, duck and lamb, as well as earthy terrines, red peppers, and eggplant.

Denis Cheron acquired the Domaine du Grand Montmirail after moving to the Southern Rhône in the 1960s from Burgundy's Côte de Nuits, where his son Yves was born and where he learned about winemaking with the delicate Pinot Noir grape. Yves took over operations in the 1980s and turned an old convent on the property into fabulously placed living quarters for the family. His philosophy is simple: small-production wines straight from the source. The domaine extends over hillsides and terraces of the Southern Rhone, including the appellations of Gigondas, Vacqueyras, and Beaumes de Venise.

ACCOLADES FOR 2015
THIS WINE HAS NOT YET BEEN RATED

