



# E. Guigal Gigondas

AOC GIGONDAS

## 2013



### ESTATE

The firm of E. Guigal, located in Ampuis, was founded in 1946 by Etienne Guigal. Since 1961 his son Marcel has led the estate, and his unparalleled work ethic and dedication to quality have brought attention to Côte-Rôtie and other appellations throughout the Rhone that were in danger of being lost, and lifted the Guigal wines to the pinnacle of the wine world. Today, Marcel's son Philippe serves as Director and Oenologist, continuing the tradition of leadership in the Rhone Valley and uncompromising excellence.

### WINE

Guigal's Gigondas is an incredible introduction to serious Southern Rhone reds, and a show-stopper at the price. In the hands of Guigal, the rich ripe fruit and savory character of the wine bursts with sheer pleasure, yet the wine displays terrific refinement, complexity, length and ability to age. The Guigals have been deeply

involved in Gigondas for well over 50 years, and it brings them great pleasure to see the increasing interest and appreciation of the appellation.

### VINEYARD

The vineyards of Gigondas are planted on hillsides at the foot of Mont Ventoux, directly north-east of the town of Orange in the southern Rhône Valley. The dry, stony slopes produce substantial wines that are deep in color, with flavors of ripe summer fruits and savory herbs.

### VINIFICATION

Marcel Guigal selects wines from small domaines to produce a blend which is true to the appellation, yet polished, refined, and capable of aging many years. The wines sees a traditional lengthy maceration and two years of aging in oak foudres, of which 50% is new. The blend in 2013 is 70% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, and 20% Syrah.

"Classic, old-school Gigondas, this gives a clear feel for the stony slopes of the appellation, where rugged peaks of Mount Ventoux loom over the vineyard. There's no apparent oak to muss up the expression; it's just dark, roasted-plum fruit lined with spice and herbs, the tannins adding chew and density. It feels wholesome and honest, tight and firm enough to warrant aging for another decade before opening."

– 93 Points Wine & Spirits Magazine, "Year's Best Rhone"

"Bright ruby. Lively red berry, lavender, vanilla and exotic spice aromas are joined by a smoky mineral nuance that builds in the glass. Juicy, focused and appealingly sweet, offering vibrant raspberry and cherry-vanilla flavors that deepen with air. Finishes supple, smoky and quite long, delivering solid thrust and smooth, harmonious tannins."

– 91 Points Vinous Media

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