



E. Guigal Gigondas 2014



Alcohol:
14.5%

Production:
12,000 Bottles



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 is 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre.

"The 2014 Gigondas is a terrific success in the vintage and has a complex, perfumed style. Blackberries, flowers, peppery garrigue and leather notes, as well as fine tannin, medium to full-bodied richness, and good acidity all make for an outstanding Southern Rhône that will drink nicely for 7-8 years."

— 91 Points Jeb Dunnock