

# GIGONDAS: DOMAINE SAINT GAYAN

## Style

Red, Dry, Full bodied

## Region

Southern Rhône

## Wine Maker

Jean-Pierre Meffre

## Appellation

Gigondas

## Cépage

80% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 4% Mourvèdre & 1% Cinsault.

## Tasting Note

A powerful, brooding, uncompromising Rhône wine with great intensity and depth of flavour. A jammy nose precedes a palate exhibiting excellent concentration of ripe, baked stone fruit (plums & damsons) with textbook spicy undertones and firm, warming tannins.

## Serve

Bold, simple, hearty dishes; daubes, stews, roasts and cheeses.

## Cellarage

Commendably, never released without some maturity, this ages well in the medium term (2-10 years).

## Vinification

Hand harvested grapes are macerated and fermented in cement vats and racked in used oak barrels for at least a year before bottling.

## History

The Meffres have been vigneronns at Gigondas since the 17th Century. It is now one of the communes finest estates. There are 33 hectares from which Jean-Pierre produces Gigondas, Côtes du Rhône and Côtes du Rhône Villages. The majority of the vines are 50 years old with patches up to 100 years. The gently sloping hills are windswept by the Mistral which, although reducing yields, keep the vines clean and pest free.

