

## Domaine du Terme Gigondas France 2021

Selected by: MTW Tasting Panel



### Final Deductions

**VINTAGE** 2021

**GRAPE** Grenache/Blend

**GEOGRAPHY** Europe

**COUNTRY** France

**LARGER REGION** Rhône Valley

**SMALLER REGION** Southern Rhône

**SUB REGION** Gigondas

### Rationale

Located in France's Southern Rhône, Gigondas produces rich Grenache-based blends, thanks in part to the region's Mediterranean climate and red clay-alluvial soils. A mandated 50% Grenache is required in the wine, with Mourvèdre and/or Syrah usually accounting for the lion's share of the remaining blend—adding structure, savory tones, and color intensity to Grenache's alcoholic power and lush creamy richness. Growing at a higher elevation than Châteauneuf du Pape, and often in terraced vineyards flecked with limestone under the looming, saw-toothed Dentelles de Montmirail mountains, these wines are often compared to the great wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

In the south of France, people have a name for the scrubby vegetation that grows in forests and woodlands, generally on limestone soils. It is called garrigue, and its wonderfully distinctive herbal aroma immediately tells you where you are. This telltale perfume, a savory Provençal signature that seems to encompass thyme, rosemary, sage, lavender, garlic, and chives, is often a signature component of Rhône reds in general. Compared to Châteauneuf, Gigondas, by contrast, tends to be slightly fresher and gentler in both potency and price while retaining many of the same characteristics.

Located in the foothills of the Montmirail Mountains, Domaine du Terme is managed by Anne-Marie Gaudin and her father Rolland, who purchased their first vines some forty years ago. Coincidentally, Rolland is also the mayor of Gigondas. Terme now spans twelve hectares in Sablet, eleven in Gigondas, and three in Vacqueyras, in the southern Rhône Valley.

### Sight

**BRIGHTNESS** Day Bright

**CLARITY** Clear

**COLOR DEPTH** Medium

**COLOR** Ruby

**RIM VARIATION** Pink  
*Stained Tears: Low*

### Structure

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** Dry

**ACID** Med+

**ALCOHOL** High

**TANNIN** Medium

**TEXTURE** Round / Smooth

**FINISH** Med+

**COMPLEXITY** Med+

### Aroma & Taste

**RED FRUIT** Red Plum • Red Raspberry • Red / Sour Cherry • Red Currant

*Condition: Ripe, Jammy / Candied*

**BLACK FRUIT** Black Plum • Black Raspberry • Black Cherry • Blackberry *Condition: Ripe, Jammy / Candied*

**FLORAL** Violet • Lavender *Condition: Fresh*

**GREEN VEGETABLE** Dark Leafy Greens

**OTHER VEGETABLE** Olive (Black) • Rhubarb • Mushrooms (Brown) • Fennel / Anise

**HERBAL** Chicory • Tea Leaf / Bergamot • Garrigue / Provence • Laurel / Bay Leaf

**OTHER SPICES** Green Peppercorn • Licorice (Red) • Licorice (Black) • Black Pepper

**ORGANIC EARTH** Forest Floor • Turned Dirt / Potting Soil

**INORGANIC EARTH** Mineral / Rock

**ANIMAL** Meat

**OAK AGING** Yes *Oak Intensity: Low*

**OAK INFLUENCE** Neutral / Large Oak

**OXIDATION/NUTTINESS** Chestnut • Walnut

**PERCEIVED WINEMAKING CHOICES** Partial / Whole Cluster