

Gigondas 2013



[2013 in Southern Rhône](#) was a good to average vintage. Despite the challenges, some estates made very good wines and won the battle against Mother Nature.

2013 was marked by ‘coulure’ – the failure of grape clusters to form properly after flowering, resulting in both tiny and unripe berries. In Gigondas, like in all the Rhône Valley, coulure caused a drop in yield of between 20 and 30%, with some estates reporting losses of 70% or more. Of course, the percentage of Grenache in wines decreased sharply. Louis Barruol of Château St-Cosme, and co-president of the appellation Gigondas, told me “you will find some very different structures and flavours from the Gigondas norm. We used more Mourvèdre and Syrah than the usual vintage”. This new blend is, for me, a good thing for some Gigondas and Southern Rhône wines. Grenache produces high levels of alcohol and is the reason why some consumers move away from wines from the Rhône Valley. This vintage shows another face of Gigondas. Well-balanced wines with more freshness, more acidity and relatively low levels of alcohol.

This ‘brand new way’ is a substantive change. Consumers prefer wines with low alcohol, freshness and a fruity character. Winemakers have realised that 2013 wines are particularly appealing, and in the future, I suspect, we will see an increase in the planting of Mourvèdre and a change in the date for harvesting Grenache. When I talked with Cesar Perrin of Château de Beaucastel (the complete report is in the Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013 section), he told me the new philosophy of Beaucastel involved “picking Grenache earlier to keep freshness and drinkability”.



Dentelles de Montmirail

In Gigondas, white wines are not produced. But some estates have made fantastic white wines with Clairette grapes under the Côtes-du-Rhône banner. Over lunch at L'Oustalet, Louis Barruol mentioned to me that an appellation of Gigondas blanc will be approved by the regulators and that he wanted Gigondas to be the home of the Clairette grape. This is a very good idea. Due to the calcareous terroirs, white wines made in Gigondas are particularly fresh and balanced and Clairette is a very interesting grape.

2013 in Gigondas was a very good vintage from domaines with a qualitative vision. The calcareous soils bring tension and good structure, as well as the percentage of Mourvèdre and Syrah showing a floral, fruity and very sexy side. Compared to Châteauneuf-du-Pape, wines from Gigondas are more homogeneous, balanced and have real potential for ageing. In the Southern Rhône, Gigondas provide some extraordinary wines and plenty of value. Wines from Château de Saint-Cosme are stunning and will age well over the next decade or more. Gour de Chaulé is also a candidate for wine of the vintage and Domaine d'Ourea, with luscious aromas of flowers, is one of my favourites.

Even so, unlike in Burgundy, where yields have dropped, prices are steady in the Rhône Valley. There is plenty of value to be had among Rhône wines, especially in Gigondas.

Bonne lecture!

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Vintage	Name	AOC	Cuvée	Tasting Note	Score	Date
2013	Saint Cosme (de)	Gigondas	Le Claux	Smoked, roasted meal, graphite and blackberries for a splendid, complex and lively bouquet. Full-bodied beautifully oaky with velvety tannins, strawberry jam and blueberry aromas for a perfect layered and structured innermouth. Both a stunning and ageworthy wine. A candidate for best wine of the vintage.	92-94+	January 2015
2013	Saint Cosme (de)	Gigondas	Le Poste	Sexy, smoky and roasted meat notes with liquorice, aromas, herbes de Provence with aeration for a luscious and complex nose. Beautifully fleshy and rich with velvety tannins. Some cherry, flowers and blackberry aromas. Juicy and fruity on the finish for an elegant and powerful wine.	92-93	January 2015
2013	Mavette (de la)	Gigondas	Cuvée Traditionnelle	Dense and complex bouquet with tar, liquorice and graphite aromas. With aeration the wine develops both some fruity and floral aromas (cherry, raspberry, rose). Vibrant and lively on the palate with a perfectly managed acidity and a fine-grained texture. Rich and generous for a lingering and fruity finish.	91-93	January 2015
2013	Gour de Chaulé (du)	Gigondas		Luscious bouquet with candied blueberry, red fruit, flowers, herbes de Provence and spicy aromas, lifted by a sexy freshness. Fine-grained and perfectly balanced, the palate is tense, straight and heavenly vinous. The tannins are still young but time will bring patina and silk. This wine should be cellared over the next 5/10 years.	91-93	January 2015
2013	Brunely (de la)	Gigondas		Beautifully vibrant and enticing bouquet with cassis, herbes de Provence, black fruit and liquorice aromas. Fine-grained and a full-bodied palate for the vintage, with juicy and lively red cherry and fresh grape aromas. Nice vinosity and mineral canvas. Long and aeriness on the finish for this stunning wine.	91-93	January 2015

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2013	Raspail	Gigondas		Peony and rose for an elegant, fruity (cherry, cassis) and spicy nose, with gorgeous aromas of pepper. Fine-grained and layered with beautiful tannins and perfectly balanced. Innermouth exhales some cherry, plum, herbes de Provence and pepper aromas that give a real identity to this wine.	91-93	January 2015
2013	Brusset	Gigondas	Les hauts de montmirail	Brusset made a fantastic wine in 2013 with Les Hauts de Montmirail. Chocolate, crème de cassis, spices and plum for a lively and fresh bouquet. Fine tannins with a perfectly balanced structure, freshness and a long and persistent final of plum, blackberry and spices. A good effort and perfect wine that will age well over the next decade.	91-93	January 2015
2013	Ourea (d')	Gigondas		Luscious and lively bouquet with floral-dominated, peony and rose aromas, boysenberry, leather and spice hints. Rich and deep with a fine-grained and well-balanced palate that shows concentrated black and blue fruit. Lingering finish and a beautiful bitterness on the aftertaste. It will drink nicely for 8/10 years.	90-93	January 2015
2013	Soumade (de la)	Gigondas		Smoked, toasted, roasted meat, almost coal, liquorice and overripe grapes for a complex and dense bouquet. Full-bodied with a lot of alcohol, a beautiful flesh and body, some building and young tannins and a short but fruity final (cherry, herbes de Provence and liquorice). This wine impresses by its complexity of aromas.	90-92+	January 2015
2013	Saint Cosme (de)	Gigondas	Hominis Fides	Smoky and oaky, the nose is dominated by vanilla and oak. Blackberry, liquorice and raspberry aromas jump from the glass. Full-bodied with a juicy and elegant texture. A lot of oak here, with a fruity and spicy final (red cherry and herbes de	90-92+	January 2015

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				Provence).		
2013	Notre Dame des Pallières	Gigondas	La Font de Notre Dame	Racy and elegant nose with intense aromas of cherry, blueberry, raspberry and flowers. Sweet and precise with beautiful flesh, a vibrant acidity perfectly managed and great drinkability. Appealingly fruity and juicy on the lingering final, with red berry and cherry notes.	90-92+	January 2015
2013	Saint Cosme (de)	Gigondas	Gigondas	Slightly smoky with tar and oak for a dense and complex bouquet with spice-accented aromas of blueberry and blackberry. A beautiful depth and good balance that brings sensuality and a classy and elegant finish.	90-92+	January 2015
2013	Raspail Ay	Gigondas	Gigondas	Reduce and reticent with an animal and fizzy bouquet. Some carbon dioxide explains the reductive aspect. Coming through with continued aeration and shows black cherry, black fruit and flowers aromas. Layered and chewy with a fine-grained texture and nice tannins. A wine that will be very interesting after bottling.	90-92+	January 2015
2013	Tourade (la)	Gigondas	Font des Aïeux	Beautifully fruity, the bouquet shows bright cherry fruit, laurel, cassis and blackberry. Sappy and rich with a generous palate, perfectly balanced, fruity (black stone fruits, cherry and cassis) and aeriness finish. Nice drinkability and palatibility. Drink it over the next 2/3 years and during the next decade.	90-92+	January 2015
2013	Cabasse (de)	Gigondas		Deliciously fruity, the bouquet expresses some flowers, pepper, black cherry and strawberry aromas. The silky texture is lifted by tension and well-managed acidity and a fruity and juicy (red cherry, gooseberry) palate. The finish is fresh, long and fruity.	90-92	January 2015

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2013	Amadiou Pierre	Gigondas	Le Pas de l'Aigle	Herbes de Provence, beautifully ripe red and blackberry fruit, spices and cracked pepper for a vibrant and beautiful nose. Straight, round and rich, the palate is structured and tannic with a juicy and fruity lingering final.	90-92	January 2015
2013	Pallières (les)	Gigondas	Les Racines	Fruity and delicate, the nose exhales some flowers, spices, red fruit and liquorice aromas. Fleshy and vibrant, the palate is perfectly balanced with a layered texture and a nice tannic spine. Red berries, boysenberry and flowers for an aeriness and fruity finish. Nothing to complain about.	90-92	January 2015
2013	Semelles de vent (les)	Gigondas		Luscious bouquet with sexy aromas of red cherry, cassis, laurel and liquorice. Dense and profound palate. Vinous texture with a chewy and structured finish and beautifully fruited (red cherry and cassis). Drink this stunning wine for the next decade or more.	90-92	January 2015
2013	Péage (le)	Gigondas		Tar, laurel and slightly smoky for an elegant and subtle bouquet. Juicy and generous, rich and round with a complex structure and beautifully building tannins. A stunning and ageworthy wine.	90-92	January 2015
2013	Dauvergne Ranvier	Gigondas	Vin rare	Pungent bouquet with animal, black fruit, cassis, liquorice and spicy aromas and smoky hints. Fleshy with good breath and lingering young tannins with a spicy and biting aftertaste.	90-91+	January 2015
2013	Espiers (des)	Gigondas		Fresh, lively and elegant, the nose shows anise, ripe grapes, cherry, cassis and spicy aromas. Well textured with fine and delicate aromas of fresh grapes, velvety tannins and well integrated acidity. The structure is perfectly balanced and mineral driven. Allow the glass five minutes to open. Perfectly ageworthy wine.	90-91+	January 2015

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2013	Bertrand Stehelin	Gigondas		The wine possesses a cassis, crème de cassis and fruity dominated aroma to go with a round and fat palate with beautiful sucrosity. Always crème de cassis in the retro-olfaction. Juicy today but not sure that this is an ageworthy wine.	90-91	January 2015
2013	Pesquier (du)	Gigondas	Gigondas	Gorgeous and racy bouquet of laurel, rose and black cherry. Fresh and sappy, the palate is not opulent but elegant and fine-grained with cherry, laurel and herbes de Provence aromas. Complex and dense, the aftertaste is taut and fruity. A great effort. Drink it over the next 10 years.	89_91+	January 2015
2013	Pallières (les)	Gigondas	Terrasse du diable	Fresh and fruity with cassis, floral and herbes de Provence aromas. Ripe and medium to full-bodied with young tannins and mineral-driven innermouth. Will drink well for a decade.	89-91+	January 2015
2013	Florets (des)	Gigondas	Supreme	Deep and elegant with gorgeous aromas of tar, cherry, liquorice, violet and thyme for a lively bouquet. Fine-grained, light to medium-bodied and taut tannins for a short and fruity finish. A very enjoyable wine.	89-91+	January 2015
2013	Ogier	Gigondas	Héritages	Red cherry and kirsch, blueberry jam, flowers for a lively and aristocratic bouquet. Beautifully layered on the palate with flesh, juicy and perfect tannins. Some cherry and blueberry aromas for an aeriness and fruity final. Kudos!	89-91	January 2015
2013	Notre Dame des Pallières	Gigondas	Les Mourres	Explosive aromas of cassis, red cherry, blueberry and potpourri, with a strong floral overtone (violet, rose). Sweet and pliant on the palate with lively red berry aromas, perfectly silky tannins and a juicy finish with red cherry, blueberry and strawberry jam	89-91	January 2015

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				aromas. Great drinkability.		
2013	Terme (du)	Gigondas	Gigondas Reserve	This Gigondas delivers deep and layered aromas of cassis and crème de cassis, kirsch, olive and smoked meat. Vinous and full-bodied, the palate is fine-grained and fruity (cassis, blueberry and boysenberry) with a long final. Enjoy bottles over the coming 5/8 years.	89-91	January 2015
2013	Tourade (la)	Gigondas		Perfectly ripe and vibrant, the nose expresses red cherry, cassis, ripe grapes, liquorice and herbes de Provence. Layered and fine textured with precision and tension and a beautiful freshness that brings a lively and lingering fruity final (peach, cassis and ripe grapes) for this stunning vinous and fruity wine.	89-91	January 2015
2013	Arnoux et Fils	Gigondas	La Chapelle Saint Arnoux	Closed and reticent, the nose shows red cherry, tar, flowers and oaky/smoky aromas. On the palate the wine is rich and full-bodied with density and an oak-dominated aromatic frame which masks the fruits and brings a lingering finish. The élevage will be decisive here.	89-90?	January 2015
2013	Moulin de la Gardette	Gigondas	Ventabren	Rose and jasmine with delicate hints of pepper, cherry and perfectly ripe grapes. Fleshy and fruity for a complex palate with spicy and graphite aromas. A full-bodied and layered texture with a lingering final. Beautifully fruity on the final for a great ageworthy wine.	89-90+	January 2015
2013	Arnoux et Fils	Gigondas	Seigneur de Lauris	Slightly oaky, the dense nose with chocolate, liquorice, black cherry and spicy aromas. Lively and fresh on the palate with a perfectly full-body and some richness that brings ripe cassis and spicy aromas.	89-90+	January 2015

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2013	Fourmone (de la)	Gigondas	Le Fauquet	Chocolate and cocoa with pepper aromas for a dense but slightly reticent nose. Generous on the palate with red fruit aromas and garrigues giving a high alcohol sensation and a straight final. Classic and racy. Great value.	88-90+	January 2015
2013	Meffre Gabriel	Gigondas	Laurus	Floral-dominated, very perfumed, with violet, rose, jasmine and red cherry aromas. Firm and building tannins, a little green (green rachis) on the palate with a straight and taut	88-90+	January 2015
2013	Moulin de la Gardette	Gigondas	Tradition	Red berry and spring flowers on the highly perfumed nose. Lots of syrah on the palate with tension, great acidity and pepper aromas. Striking acidity with medium-body and green notes on the final.	88-90+	January 2015
2013	La Bastide Saint Vincent	Gigondas	Costevieille	Chocolate, blackberries, spices and herbes de Provence for a lively and dense nose. Rich and opulent, well balanced with great tannins, freshness from high-altitude and raciness. Needs a minimum of 5 years cellaring.	88-90+	January 2015
2013	Vignerons de Caractère	Gigondas	Les Pierre du Vallat	Tart and reduce on the nose with enticing aromas of black cherry, laurel and plum. Mineral driven, rich and voluptuous, this wine boasts plenty of candied aromas of plum, boysenberry and spices. Building tannins bring a lingering and aeriness final. A great effort.	88-90+	January 2015
2013	Vignerons de Caractère	Gigondas	Domaine de la Maurelle	Slightly reduce with inky, spice, tar and boysenberry aromas. Dense and rich for a complex innermouth and plenty of structure lurking beneath the fruit (cassis, boysenberry, liquorice, spices). Slightly hard on the finish but needs some years in the bottle for it to be a truly stunning wine.	88-90+	January 2015
2013	Saint Damien	Gigondas	Vieilles Vignes	Cassis, blueberry and flowers for an intensive and lively bouquet. Elegant and dense. Appealingly sweet with fine-grained and	88-90	January 2015

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				velvety tannins. Fruity and juicy with red cherry, raspberry, flowers and pepper notes for an aeriness final.		
2013	Font Sane (du)	Gigondas		Elegant and enticing bouquet with beautiful aromas of red cherry, cassis, spices and ripe grapes that are enlivened by nice freshness. Dense and complex with a spicy and juicy palate. Tense and well-balanced with integrated acidity for a pepper and aeriness final.	88-90	January 2015
2013	Santa Duc	Gigondas	Aux lieux dits	Enticing nose of red cherry, blueberry, liquorice and leather. Perfectly layered with fine-grained and a fruity palate that brings fresh and sexy red berries, flowers and spicy aromas. A high level of alcohol on the finish with a fruity and aeriness aftertaste.	88-90	January 2015
2013	Tourbillon (du)	Gigondas	Vieilles Vignes	Smoky, tar, floral (violet), spices and herbes de Provence for a lively and fresh bouquet to go with an elegant and sappy palate. Pure, elegant, perfectly balanced and high-quality tannins. Finishes long and fruity with cherry, cassis and chocolate on the aftertaste. It will drink nicely for 3/5 years.	88-90	January 2015
2013	Delas	Gigondas	Les Reinages	Sexy aromas of pepper, cassis and spices. Precise with a medium to full-bodied, elegant and a finesse-driven style. A little biting in the final with great drinkability.	88-90	January 2015
2013	Chais Varenne	Gigondas	La Combe des Marchands	Closed and reticent on the first nose, with laurel, spices and tar aromas with aeration. Fine-grained and elegant with a beautiful medium-bodied structure, a fruity palate with a short final. This wine fully	88-90	January 2015

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				assumes its fruity style.		
2013	L'Espigouette	Gigondas		Cherry, spices and laurel for an elegant and fresh bouquet. On the palate it is pliant, sweet and fruity. Well-structured with building tannins and beautiful bitterness on the aftertaste. A very interesting and ageworthy wine.	88-90	January 2015
2013	Florets (des)	Gigondas		Lively and fresh, the bouquet shows cherry, pepper and blackberry aromas for a chewy texture, freshness and taut tannins. This wine needs some time cellaring to find itself.	88-90	January 2015
2013	Vignerons de Caractère	Gigondas	Domaine Carobelle	Another great wine from Vignerons de Caractère with a fresh and luscious nose of cherry, laurel, spices and incense. Rich and round on the palate with beautifully building tannins, integrated acidity and a fresh and lingering finish of cherry, plum and herbes de Provence. Utterly exquisite.	88-90	January 2015
2013	Arnoux et fils	Gigondas	Vieux clocher	Fresh and fruity for a pretty bouquet of plum, boysenberry and cassis. Supple and pliant with delicious aromas of cassis and spices in the mouth that bring a freshness and a pulsating and vibrant final. Drink it over the coming couple of years.	88-90	January 2015
2013	Montirius	Gigondas	Confidentiel	Reduce with fresh aromas of plum, blackberries and herbes de Provence. Well judged acidity, pliant tannins and short final with a lot of fruits (plum and cassis). Nothing to complain about. Enjoy this wine that closes on a tangy note.	87-89+	January 2015
2013	Teyssonnières (les)	Gigondas		The nose is dedicated to the fruit with lively and luscious aromas of raspberry, cherry, rose and peony. Tense and straight with a beautiful management of acidity and a fruity finish (a little short but juicy). The texture is slightly unbalanced and lacking density.	87-89	January 2015

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				An enjoyable wine.		
2013	Goubert (les)	Gigondas	Gigondas	Lively and dense nose with roasted meat, animal, graphite and a lot of flowers for a fine and lively texture. Moderately bodied, lacking flesh with perfect and attractive aromas of boysenberry, cherry and cassis. Finishes long and elegant.	87-89	January 2015
2013	Alain Jaume et Fils	Gigondas	Terrasses de Montmirail	Nice bouquet with lovely red and blue fruit, spices, liquorice and plum. Juicy and greedy, the palate is elegant, well balanced and sweet, with red berries, cherry, tar and liquorice aftertaste.	87-89	January 2015
2013	Roubine (la)	Gigondas		Slightly reduce with animal, candied black fruit, liquorice and plum aromas. Some freshness here and a tense and straight palate with juicy acidity and freshness. Finishes floral and short.	87-89	January 2015
2013	Chassagne Cécile	Gigondas		Cassis and crème de cassis for a fruity and spicy bouquet (pepper and liquorice). Fine-grained and moderately bodied with elegant and sexy aromas of cassis on the aftertaste. Not dense but juicy drinkability.	87-89	January 2015
2013	Grapillon d'Or (du)	Gigondas	Excellence	Milk and brioche aromas, highly perfumed but evanescent. Smells like fragrance! Nice texture and well balanced with harsh tannins and a non-fruity aroma. Should be consumed over the coming handful of years.	87-89	January 2015
2013	Grapillon d'Or (du)	Gigondas		Gorgeous black fruits, cassis, cherry, laurel and slightly smoked meat, the nose is vibrant and undeniably expressive. This wine is beautifully balanced with young tannins, freshness and is moderately weighted.	87-89	January 2015
2013	Boussiere (la)	Gigondas	Tradition	Fresh, bright red fruits, with flowers and liquorice all lift themselves from the glass. Fine-grained and juicy style, medium-	87-89	January 2015

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				bodied and short final for a red berry, flower and juicy finish. It will drink nicely over the next 1/2 years.		
2013	Lavau	Gigondas	Gigondas	Cassis, pepper and spices for an elegant, fruity and lively bouquet. Fine-grained and freshness on the palate with a beautiful tension and perfectly managed acidity. The medium-body expresses red berries, pepper and spicy aromas.	87-89	January 2015
2013	Bouscatière (la)	Gigondas		Spice and herbes de Provence for an animal and intense nose. Full-bodied with a tense structure. High acidity for a tense and lingering finish with spices, plum and cherry aromas.	87-89	January 2015
2013	Compagnie Rhodanienne	Gigondas	Clos du Bois de Menge	Candied boysenberries, blackberry and incense for a lively and fresh nose. Appealing and fruity on the palate, the wine is fresh and fruity (cassis and candied black fruits) giving immediate pleasure.	87-89	January 2015
2013	Font Sarade (de)	Gigondas	Les Pigières	Tar, reduce and liquorice for a deep and slightly closed bouquet. On the palate, the wine shows a different side with fine-textured, freshness and very ripe aromas of black fruits, laurel and spices. It will be nice for 2 or 3 years.	87-89	January 2015
2013	Pasquiers (des)	Gigondas		Chocolate intermixed with herbes de Provence for a lively, fresh and balanced bouquet. Fruity and perfectly balanced with cassis, chocolate and plum aromas for a nicely weighted palate. Enjoy today!	87-89	January 2015
2013	Vidal Fleury	Gigondas		Syrah dominated nose with pepper, black fruit, violet, ripe grape and spices. Round and sweet with building tannins, taut finish and aeriness fruity aftertaste.	87-88	January 2015
2013	Santa Duc	Gigondas	Les Hautes Garrigues	Black fruit and cassis with blueberry hints for a cold and elegant nose. Dense and	86-88+	January 2015

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				moderately concentrated on the palate and lifted up by a juicy acidity. Black berry, liquorice and graphite aromas for both lingering and aeriness finish.		
2013	Meffre Gabriel	Gigondas	Sainte Catherine	Floral and violet, almost rose, with kirsch and red cherry aromas for an elegant and concentrated nose. Slightly overripe with flowers and rose. Light, elegant and well-balanced with a short but fruity final.	86-88	January 2015
2013	Cave de Gigondas	Gigondas	Les Primaires	Lively and fresh, the nose exhales red berry, liquorice, spices and cherry aromas. Medium to full-bodied with some spicy notes, a lot of tension and some green notes in the innermouth. Aerinees final, a little taut and fruity.	86-88	January 2015
2013	Amadiou Pierre	Gigondas	Romane Machotte	Closed and reticent on the nose with red berry, spicy and unripe aromas. A lot of green acidity on the palate, with a light and medium body. Unripe tannins and short finish.	86-88	January 2015
2013	Cayron (du)	Gigondas		A chewy profile of cassis, blueberry and chocolate. Well-balanced, reasonably well-textured and juicy on the palate with great drinkability. Lacking depth and richness but perfect to drink now.	86-88	January 2015
2013	Paillère & Pied-Gû	Gigondas		Cassis and crème de cassis, flowers with red berries aromas for an intense and sexy nose. Tense and straight on the palate with young and building aromas and a fruity finish. It's hard to resist now with a beautiful drinkability.	86-88	January 2015
2013	La Croix des Pins	Gigondas	Le Parpaillon	Currently closed, the nose expresses spices, black fruit and laurel aromas. Integrated acidity but a little light on the palate with a pepper-dominated aftertaste.	86-88	January 2015
2013	Bosquets	Gigondas	La Colline	Smoky, graphite, both roasted	86-88	January

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	(des)			and smoked meat for a dense and fat nose. Generous and oaky, the palate is rich and dense but lacking in race and elegance. Finishes long with graphite and oak aromas. Technically perfect but lacking in balance and finesse.		2015
2013	Bosquets (des)	Gigondas		Herbes de Provence, spices, liquorice, plum and spice for a wine with a great texture. Building and taut tannins. Short final with red berries and spicy aromas.	86-88	January 2015
2013	Montvac (de)	Gigondas	Adage	Elegant and closed, the nose expresses some cherry, laurel and cassis aromas. Medium bodied and tense innermouth with a high alcohol level and pepper final.	86-88	January 2015
2013	Brusset	Gigondas	Le Grand Montmirail	Grand Montmirail is more oaky and a little closed compare to Hauts de Montmirail. With spicy aromas and blackberry, the nose is reticent. Well balanced with a round and medium-bodied structure. Closes on a spicy note with good length and fine-grained tannins and vinosity. Perfect for the next 2/3 years.	86-88	January 2015
2013	Arnoux et Fils	Gigondas	The Gig	Fruity and fresh for a pretty nose with plum, cassis, anise and strawberry aromas. Fine-textured with integrated acidity and a round and fruity final. Drink it over the next couple of years.	86-88	January 2015
2013	Cave de Gigondas	Gigondas	Le Brut de Foudre	Meaty and foxy with an austere and rustic nose. Red cherry, pepper and slightly herbaceous for a young and austere nose. Well bodied and balanced, but always with unripe aromas and	85-87	January 2015

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				taut tannins on the final.		
2013	Brotte	Gigondas	La Marasque	Liquorice dominated and closed bouquet. Tense and straight with rough tannins. Lacking elegance and finesse. Fruity on the finish with a lot of green notes.	85-87	January 2015
2013	Redortier	Gigondas		Lively and beautiful bouquet of red berries and fresh strawberry, with cherry, spices and cassis. A bit austere on the palate despite some fruity notes and young, building and finally slightly harsh tannins.	85-87	January 2015
2013	Vignerons de Caractère	Gigondas	Signature	Raspberry, liquorice and candied-flowers on the perfumed nose. Tense and a bit biting on the palate with beautiful white pepper aromas and flowers. Moderately bodied and dusty tannins on the finish.	85-87	January 2015
2013	Montirius	Gigondas	Terre des Aînés	A bit leafy with beautiful aromas of blueberry and blackberry. Balanced and medium bodied for a pliant wine. Drink it over the next 2/3 years.	85-87	January 2015
2013	Garrigue (la)	Gigondas		Oaky and toasty, the nose shows pretty and fruity aromas of plum, blueberry, spices and liquorice. Rounded, supple and dusty tannins with olive tapenade and plum final.	85-87	January 2015
2013	La Croix des Pins	Gigondas	Les Dessous des Dentelles	Smoky, smoked meat, chocolate, laurel and garrigue aromas for a fat and dense nose. Pepper-dominated with green acidity for a soft and easy wine. There's some enjoyment to be had here, but it will be on a fast evolutionary track and should be enjoyed over the coming handful of years	84-87	January 2015
2013	Grand Romane	Gigondas		Slightly animal, meal and roasted meal for a rustic bouquet. Taut and straight in the mouth with cherry, violet and ripe blackberry.	84-86	January 2015

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				A striking contrast between nose and mouth for a wine that needs to find its style.		
2013	Gigondas La Cave	Gigondas	Signature	Cocoa and chocolate for a lively and complex nose with cherry, herbes de Provence and blackberry aromas. On the palate, a lot of green acidity due to unripe grapes. Medium body and well-structured with tension. Finishes short and fruity.	84-86	January 2015
2013	Les Vins Skalli	Gigondas	Caves Saint Pierre	Reduce with graphite, boysenberry and oaky aromas for a cold bouquet. Light and sweet with a fruity palate and short finish.	84-86	January 2015
2013	Florets (des)	Gigondas	Saveur des Dentelles	Currently closed, the nose is still reticent with aeration. Fine-texture and young tannins, a bit harsh for a short finish and closed wine. Needs some time but I have some doubts about its potential.	84-86	January 2015
2013	Ligiere (la)	Gigondas		Animal, roasted meat for a rustic and totally closed nose. Fine-grained and integrated acidity for a short final with elegant and fruity aromas of blackberry. A bit rustic.	84-86	January 2015
2013	Palon	Gigondas	Tradition	Oaky dominated, toasted and grilled nose. Distinctly weighted Gigondas with dusty final and oak-dominated innermouth flavour.	84-86	January 2015
2013	Leplan-Vermeersch	Gigondas		Reticent, this wine is totally closed even after some time in the glass. Elegant but taut tannins in the mouth with a fruity side lacking in density and richness. For sure, bottling was a disruptive element for this wine.	84-86	January 2015
2013	Pourra (du)	Gigondas	Gigondas	Reticent and closed for an unexpressive nose with a lot of reduction. Oaky and kirsch, the palate is slightly unbalanced with dusty tannins. Finishes short and closed.	83-85	January 2015
2013	La Bastide Saint Vincent	Gigondas	Gigondas	Reticent and closed, the nose comes through with continuing aeration with spicy and herbes de	83-85	January 2015

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				Provence aromas. Moderately heavy and a little short on the final, this wine express some plum and black fruit aromas.		
2013	Mas des Restanques	Gigondas		Closed and unexpressive, the bouquet shows some yeast activity with flavours of milk. Fruity and weighted palate, taut tannins and hard final with boysenberry and spicy aromas.	82-84	January 2015
2013	Espiers (des)	Gigondas	Les Blâches	Some brettanomyces here.	75	January 2015
2013	Montirius	Gigondas	La Tour	Reduce, India rubber and some brett here. Difficult to taste.	75	January 2015