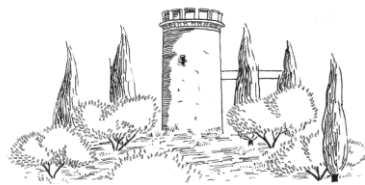




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PRESS REVIEW 2022
WINE RATINGS
VINTAGES 2020 & 2021



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Wine Spectator

Gigondas « Hominis Fides » 2020.....	95pts
Gigondas « Le Poste » 2020:.....	96pts
Gigondas « Le Claux » 2020:.....	95pts
Gigondas 2020:.....	94pts
Côtes du Rhône «Les Deux Albion » 2020:	92pts
IGP Blanc «Les Deux Albion » 2020:	90pts

JEB DUNNUCK

Gigondas « Hominis Fides » 2020.....	97pts
Gigondas « Le Poste » 2020.....	97pts
Gigondas « Le Claux » 2020.....	96pts
Gigondas 2020.....	93pts
Côtes du Rhône «Les Deux Albion » 2020:	90pts



Antonio Galloni vinous

Gigondas 2020:.....	94pts
Gigondas « Hominis Fides » 2020.....	97pts
Gigondas « Le Poste » 2020.....	98pts
Gigondas « Le Claux » 2020.....	98pts



Jancis Robinson Jancis Robinson's scores

Gigondas 2020:.....	16.5+
Gigondas « Hominis Fides » 2020.....	16,5+
Gigondas « Le Poste » 2020.....	16,5+

Decanter

Gigondas « Hominis Fides » 2020:.....	94pts
Gigondas « Le Poste » 2020:	93pts
Gigondas « Le Claux » 2020:	96pts
Côtes du Rhône Blanc « Hominis Fides » 2020:	94pts
Côtes du Rhône Blanc « Le Poste» 2020:	94pts





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IGP Blanc «Les Deux Albion » 2021:90pts

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Gigondas « Le Poste » 2021.....93-95pts

Gigondas « Le Claux » 2021.....93-95pts

Gigondas « Hominis Fides » 2021.....92-94pts

Gigondas 2021..... 90-92pts



Antonio Galloni vinOUs

Gigondas 2021:..... 92-94pts

Gigondas « Hominis Fides » 2021.....95-97pts

Gigondas « Le Poste » 2021..... 95-97pts

Gigondas « Le Claux » 2021.....95-97pts



Jancis Robinson Jancis Robinson's scores

Gigondas 2021:..... 16

Gigondas « Le Claux » 2021.....16+

Gigondas « Hominis Fides » 2021.....16,5+

Gigondas « Le Poste » 2021.....16,5+

Decanter

Gigondas 2021:..... 92pts

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Gigondas « Le Poste » 2021:93pts

Gigondas « Le Claux » 2021:93pts



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VINSOBRES



Decanter

Château de Rouanne « Les Côtes », Vinsobres 2020	91pts
Château de Rouanne « Rouanne et les Crottes », Vinsobres 2020	91pts
<i>“Touch of maltiness on the nose, along with some oak-derived spice notes such as star anise. Good weight and intensity to the fruit, a firm acid line travelling through it. Tannins are reassuringly brisk and tense. Ends on fruit, with oak spice throughout. A proudly oaked cuvée and a very good one. No destemming.”</i>	
Château de Rouanne « Les Côtes », Vinsobres 2021	92pts
Château de Rouanne « Rouanne et les Crottes », Vinsobres 2021	93pts

JEB DUNNUCK

Château de Rouanne effervescent brut nature rosé 2020	89pts
Château de Rouanne “Les Côtes”, Vinsobres 2020	93+pts
Château de Rouanne “Guerin”, Vinsobres 2020	93pts
Château de Rouanne, Vinsobres 2020	92pts
Château de Rouanne “Rouanne et les Crottes”, Vinsobres 2020	94pts
<i>“My favorite in the lineup (although these are all brilliant), which comes from the middle of the hillside vineyard and more clay and iron soils. Lots of darker, almost blue fruits, violets, smoked herbs, and iron nuances define the bouquet, and it’s medium to full-bodied, has ultra-fine tannins, and offers a beautiful mix of both richness and elegance.”</i>	
Château de Rouanne, Vinsobres 2021	88-90pts
Château de Rouanne “Rouanne et les Crottes”, Vinsobres 2021	90-92pts
Château de Rouanne “Les Côtes”, Vinsobres 2021	90-92pts
<i>“As with the 2020, there’s a Côte Rôtie-like vibe in the 2021 Vinsobres Les Côtes, which has a terrific nose of wildflowers, violets, and raspberries as well as a pretty, elegant, medium-bodied style on the palate. All four of these 2021s will be terrific wines.”</i>	



Jancis Robinson's scores

Château de Rouanne, Vinsobres 2021.....	16
Château de Rouanne « Les Côtes », Vinsobres 2021...	16

Ch de Rouanne, Rouanne et les Crottes 2021 Vinsobres

16.5 +

Maceration lasted 40 days in concrete tanks. Matured 12 months in 226-litre barrels. Cask sample.

Tasted blind. Very expressive cassis, plum and forest-fruit nose. A ripe palate with lots of acidity, also a lot of oak at the moment – firm and chewy tannins.

There is good concentration of fruit and energy as well to support the oak and allow it to integrate. Should age very well. (AC) 15%

Drink 2025 – 2030



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Côte Rôtie 2020:.....	93pts
Saint Joseph 2020:.....	93pts
Crozes Hermitage 2020:.....	93pts
Côtes du Rhône 2020:.....	90pts
Condrieu 2020:.....	94pts
Côtes du Rhône 2021:.....	89pts

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St.-Cosme

St.-Joseph 2020

This has real substance and energy, with boysenberry and plum puree flavors that are mouthfilling and lush, lined with singed cedar and earth. Finishes very dry, thanks to chalky fine tannins and a cleansing mineral edge. Best from 2024 through 2034. 250 cases imported.



James Molesworth

Senior Editor and Special Projects Director, New York



Côte Rôtie 2020:.....	94-96pts
Saint Joseph 2020:.....	89-91pts
Crozes Hermitage 2020:.....	89-91pts
Condrieu 2020:.....	92pts

WINE ENTHUSIAST

6 Bottles That Celebrate France's Côtes Du Rhône

BY ANNA LEE C. IJIMA



WINE ENTHUSIAST

Côtes du Rhône 2020:.....	90pts
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JEB DUNNUCK

Saint Joseph 2020:.....	91-93pts
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Crozes Hermitage 2020:.....	90-92pts
Côte Rôtie Saint Cosme 2020:.....	94-96pts



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Gigondas to produce white wines



Matt Walls
September 15, 2022

Head of the Gigondas growers' syndicat Louis Barruol, who is also the **owner of Château de Saint Cosme**, said: 'We've been making whites for decades on this terroir, and not being able to call them Gigondas reflects a historical mistake. Now our Clairette on limestone will be able to sing using the right words.'

'For me there is a feeling of collective achievement, and today I think of our fathers who worked for this wonderful appellation before us with passion and selflessness.'



Antonio Galloni
vinous

By Josh Reynolds From: *The Deep Bench of Gigondas (Jan 2023)*

Anybody paying the slightest attention to Gigondas over the last three decades knows Château de Saint Cosme and Louis Barruol, who took control here in 1992. Barruol represents the 14th generation of his family to oversee the family's winery and 15 hectares of vineyard, almost all of them planted to Grenache. Those vines are extremely old, with many now 120 years of age, planted in the heart of the appellation. The wines are still made in the original cellar of the estate, which was constructed in the Gallo Roman era, over 2,000 years ago. So, history looms large here, quite literally as the 11th-century Chapelle Saint-Cosme et Saint-Damien sits directly above the winery and château. When it comes to wines, history is respected, with no rusticity in the way. In fact, these are consistently among the most skillfully and meticulously crafted wines in the Rhône valley. The standard of quality maintained by Barruol is as high as for any winery I know, anywhere. In recent years the domaine has issued what, for me, are the best wines ever, especially the 2020s. While the limited production, single-site bottlings are not easy to find and unquestionably expensive, the flagship Gigondas bottling is an excellent value and delivers more bang than plenty of Southern Rhône wines that sell for twice as much, or even more. And there's a good amount of it, some 50,000 bottles per vintage. Starting with the 2023 vintage, there will be an appellation Gigondas Blanc, a goal that Louis Barruol has been doggedly pursuing over two decades, often seemingly single-handedly.



8 Côtes du Rhône Stunners Up to 92 Points

Explore France's Southern Rhône Valley with these new reviews of impressive reds, most priced less than \$30

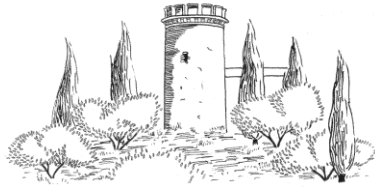
By Kristen Bieler



Wine Spectator

■ Oct 6, 2022

Château de St.-Cosme winemaker Louis Barruol is well-known for his stunning Gigondas. His top Côtes du Rhône, Les Deux Albion, is sourced from vineyards in the Plan de Dieu, Saint-Maurice and Cairanne communes. It's made in the same way as his prestige wines, using **whole-cluster** co-fermentation (fermenting different grape varieties together) with **native yeasts** in concrete vats. Even his entry-level **St.-Cosme** Côtes du Rhône, made with purchased fruit, offers a taste of Barruol's uncompromising style at just \$21.



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Wine Spectator

TASTING REPORTS

The Rhône Faces the Heat

By Kristen Bieler

■ From the Feb 28, 2023, issue

Across the Rhône valley, winemakers adapt to rising temperatures in their pursuit of fresh, vibrant wines

Louis Barruol, who helms his family's ancient **Château de St.-Cosme** estate in Gigondas as well as **Château de Rouanne** in nearby Vinsobres, cites the impressive freshness of the 2020 vintage as evidence. "The vines have adapted to these hot, dry conditions," he says, explaining that they have learned how to protect themselves since the legendary scorching heat of 2003. "The 2020s are very balanced wines, with a nice amount of finesse."

Situated at the base of the Alps, Vinsobres' vineyards climb up to 1,700 feet in elevation. They are blasted by an even more powerful **mistral wind** and cooler temperatures than the rest of the Southern Rhône that slow ripening. The debut vintage of Barruol's **Château de Rouanne** was 2018, and the wines show the darker fruit profile and burlier tannins one expects from mountain wines.



Terre de Vins

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Vinsobres : un deuxième château pour Louis Barruol

Propriétaire du Château de Saint Cosme à Gigondas et négociant, Louis Barruol a fait l'acquisition du Château de Rouanne à Vinsobres.

« C'est un joli domaine de 62 hectares d'un seul tenant, chose très rare. Il y a 42 hectares de vignes en appellation Vinsobres, 14 en Côtes du Rhône et 8 en IGP Méditerranée « Comté de Grignan ». Ces derniers sont sur des sols calcaires, idéaux pour vinifier un brut nature, un effervescent sec traditionnellement réalisé sur ce secteur. C'est un grand terroir, avec de superbes argiles rouges du Pliocène apportant de la texture, de la complexité, un haut pedigree ! », explique le nouveau propriétaire.



Exclusive: St.-Cosme's Louis Barruol Purchases Vinsobres Estate in Southern Rhône

By James Molesworth

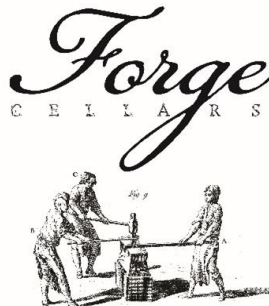


■ Jun 18, 2019

Louis Barruol, owner and vigneron of **Château de St.-Cosme** in France's Gigondas appellation, has purchased the **Château de Rouanne** estate in neighboring Vinsobres. The historic estate totals 177 acres, including 153 acres of vines, along with a cellar and buildings dating to the early 19th century. The property borders domaines Chaume-Arnaud, Jaume and **Coriançon**. The purchase price was not disclosed.

"It reminds me a lot of St.-Cosme when I took over in 1992," Barruol told *Wine Spectator*. "It's an unknown sleeping beauty waiting for a vigneron to truly love it."

Wine Spectator



Decanter

Forge Cellars, Riesling Classique, Seneca Lake, Finger Lakes, New York State, USA 2020

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SINGLE TASTING

92

Tasted by: Charles Curtis MWV
(at New York, 01 Aug 2022)

Part of Finger Lakes white wines: *best new releases*

Drinking Window: 2022 - 2030

Among the best-value wines produced in New York, the Classique Riesling from Forge is elegant and accessible, with charming, concentrated floral and stone fruit notes on the nose. While it does not have the thrilling tension of the single-vineyard bottlings, there is finesse to spare, and the finish lingers pleasantly on the palate. The process starts with tank-fermenting all the odd lots that don't fit into barrels and adding barrels from the single-vineyard bottlings to complete the requisite volume. The result is consistently superb.

Producer	Forge Cellars
Brand	Riesling Classique
Vintage	2020
Wine Type	Still
Colour	White
Country	USA
Region	New York State
Appellation	Finger Lakes
Sweetness	Dry
Closure	Cork
Alcohol	12.00%

Forge Cellars, Dry Riesling Caywood Vineyard, Finger Lakes, New York 2020

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SINGLE TASTING

93

Tasted by: Clive Pursehouse
(at Seattle, 06 Mar 2023)

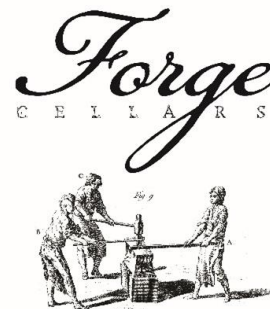
Part of International Riesling Day: *American style*

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2029

Delicious. From the Caywood Vineyard, planted in the 1970s, this wine offers depth, complexity, and vibrancy. Aromatics are classic, petrol, gunpowder minerality, and ripe stone fruits carry through. The palate is rich, with ripe pear and peach flavours, and some saline characters intermingle with beeswax and fresh lime. There is a finish that seems to go on forever.



Producer	Forge Cellars
Brand	Dry Riesling Caywood Vineyard
Vintage	2020
Wine Type	Still
Colour	White
Country	USA
Region	New York State
Appellation	Finger Lakes
Sweetness	Dry
Closure	Cork
Alcohol	12.00%



Forbes

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Per and Britt Karlsson Contributor @

Aug 27, 2022,

A Frenchman In New York: Louis Barruol From Gigondas Goes To Finger Lakes To Make Wine

We've tasted a few riesling wines from Forge Cellars. They all have a magnificent acidity which sometimes reaches 7 grams per litre. The alcohol content is 12.5–13%. They are all bone dry with a sugar content of 0.5–2.5 g/l. These are wines for people, for instance, me, who love the really dry, crispy, steely, fresh style of riesling.



The Guardian

Forge Cellars Dry Riesling Finger Lakes, New York, USA 2018 (£24.99, or £17.99 as part of a mixed case of six bottles, [majestic.co.uk](https://www.majestic.co.uk)) When people talk about wine from the United States, what they generally mean is wine from California. And given that the Golden State accounts for some 81% of all US wine production (which, incidentally, makes it the fourth-largest wine producer in the world after Italy, France and Spain), that's not at all surprising. But wine is made in every state in the union, and there is much of interest to be found there, especially in the four states (Washington State, Oregon, New York state and Virginia) which account for the lion's share of the fifth of US production not taken up by California. The wines of New York State, for example, could not be more different from their peers on the other side of the continent, with Forge Cellars' startling dry riesling, with its flash of fine-steel-blade acidity and burst of apple and pear, one of the best versions of this variety you'll find anywhere.



Die Finger Lakes machen den Weinbau im Upstate New York möglich.

Potenzial vom Empire State

So unterschiedlich die Hauptanbauregionen New Yorks, die Finger Lakes und Long Island auch sind, beide profitieren von einem kühlen Klima. Inzwischen suchen sie auch im Export Anerkennung.

Einen besonderen Stellenwert nimmt der Single-Vineyard-Ansatz bei den von Louis Barruol (Château Saint-Cosme in Gigondas) und Rick Rainey gegründeten Forge Cellars ein. Jedes Jahr füllen sie ein Dutzend Single Vineyard Bone Dry Riesling ab, jeder mit eigenem Profil – ein Beweis für die Vielfalt der Terroirs am Seneca Lake. Riesling Classique und Pinot Noir Classique sind international die eigentlichen Botschafter des Wein- guts und zugleich für das Cool Climate der Finger Lakes.



Rick Rainey verfolgt den Single-Vineyard-Ansatz intensiv.

Empfohlen

2020 Forge Cellars Dry Riesling Classique Seneca Lake, 12,5% vol.
Cuvée aus diversen Weingärten. Leuchtendes Gelbgold. Intensiver Duft nach Pfirsichen, Mandarinen, Gewürzen. Sehr saftig, voluminös, mundwässernde Frische und lang
Vin sur Vin, EVP 29,90 €