

WINE SPECTATOR

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME

NOTES & COMMENTS

2009

Chateau de Saint Cosme, Côtes du Rhône White Le Poste 2009

Rating : (91) points

Fresh and pure, with a kiss of heather honey leading the way for green plum, white peach and nectarine skin notes. This has a long, bright, pure, unadorned finish, with a gorgeous mouthfeel all the way through. Drink now through 2011.

Saint Cosme, Condrieu 2009

Rating : (93) points

Still a touch tight, but the core of anise, Jonagold apple, candied lemon peel, quince and green fig is there in abundance, backed by a long, mineral-filled finish. An encore of anise stretches it all out. Drink now through 2012.

Saint Cosme, Côtes du Rhône 2009

Rating : (90) points

A lovely floral violet aroma leads the way, followed by good dark berry, tobacco and charcoal notes, with a dash of tarry grip on the finish. Pure and solid. Drink now through 2011.

2008

Chateau de Saint Cosme, Gigondas 2008

Rating : (91) points

A new cuvee of 125 cases, the 2006 Gigondas Le Poste is a broad, savory, opulent Gigondas that comes from pure limestone soils in the area. This has an almost Burgundian forest floor/spring flower note intermixed with kirsch, blackberry, licorice, smoke, and earth. This is a brilliant Gigondas, but obviously there is not much of it. It should drink well for 10-15 years.

Chateau de Saint Cosme, Côtes du Rhône Les Deux Albion 2008

Rating : (88) points

Forward, with solid raspberry and ganache notes backed by graphite and tobacco on the finish. Slightly taut, but with solid length and depth. Drink now.

Chateau de Saint Cosme, Gigondas Hominis Fides 2008

Rating : (93) points

Gorgeous aromas of warm fig bread, incense and roasted sage lead the way for a stylish yet persistent core of raspberry, red currant and mulled cherry fruit flavors. Long and silky on the finish, with the perfumy edge lingering. Drink now through 2016.

Chateau de Saint Cosme, Gigondas Le Claux 2008

Rating: (93) points

This delivers a dark profile, with maduro tobacco, sage, licorice root and mulled black currant fruit backed by fig bread and smoke. Nicely focused on the finish, with solid underlying minerality. Drink now through 2016

Chateau de Saint Cosme, Gigondas Le poste 2008

Rating: (94) points

Well-layered, with nice grip carrying sage, maduro tobacco, fig paste, mulled black currant and blackberry fruit, followed by a long, charred apple wood- and mineral-filled finish, where this stays bright and tangy. Yet there's impressive range and density for the vintage. Drink now through 2017.

2007

Chateau de Saint Cosme, Gigondas 2007

Rating : (93) points

Ripe and very suave, with gorgeous toast and Black Forest cake aromas leading the way for mulled fig, boysenberry and kirsch flavors. The long, rich finish is well-detailed, with blazing minerality stretching it out. Drink now through 2020.

Chateau de Saint Cosme, Gigondas "Valbelle" 2007

Rating : (94) points

Still tight, but with a gorgeous core of raspberry and black Mission fig fruit in reserve, as well as black tea, chalky minerality and a long, perfumy finish that really stretches out nicely. Should blossom with cellaring. Best from 2010 through 2019.

Chateau de Saint Cosme, Gigondas "Le Claux" 2007

Rating : (96) points

Smoky, with an exotic roasted fig edge, along with charred mesquite, sage and blackberry paste notes. Shows a bright floral note as well, with a racy underpinning that carries all the weight effortlessly and keeps bringing you back for more. Drink now through 2022.

Chateau de Saint Cosme, Côtes du Rhône "Les deux Albion" 2007

Rating : (90) points

Polished, with a beam of raspberry ganache over dark coffee and graphite notes. There's a dash of roasted sage on the fleshy, racy finish. Cofermented Syrah, Grenache, Carignane, Mourvèdre and Clairette. Drink now through 2010.

Chateau de Saint Cosme, Gigondas "Hominis Fides" 2007

Rating : (95) points

Sappy, with intense kirsch, raspberry ganache and graphite notes that course through, while mineral, roasted fig and spice notes flash alongside. The tangy, invigorating finish just goes on and on. Drink now through 2020.

Saint Cosme, Côtes du Rhône White 2007

Rating : (88) points

Very fresh and up front, with lots of green and yellow apple, anise and floral notes. Lively finish. Drink now.

Saint Cosme, Côtes du Rhône 2007

Rating : (90) points

Nice wild aromas of garrigue and olive give way to a silky palate of dark plum, loganberry and iron notes, with a long, fleshy finish. A nice character-filled wine. Drink now through 2010.

Saint Cosme, Saint Joseph 2007

Rating : (90) points

Bright kirsch and pepper notes have a tangy iron streak that runs through them, while lots of racy violet and mineral notes define the finish. Drink now through 2012.

Saint Cosme, Côte Rôtie 2007

Rating : (93) points

Stylish mocha, raspberry, lavender and iron notes glide through this iron-tinged and well-structured version. Offers solid grip for the vintage, with echoes of raspberry ganache and spice offset by a hint of olive that lengthens the finish. Best from 2011 through 2018.

2007

Saint Cosme, Châteauneuf du Pape 2007

Rating : (94) points

An old-school style, this shows a very dark, slightly brawny profile, with grippy tobacco, mulled currant, freshly brewed espresso, bittersweet cocoa and tar notes that rumble through the roasted sage-tinged finish. Terrific buried acidity helps to harness this and drive it all along. There's lots of range, but superb focus. Best from 2011 through 2024.

2006

Château de Saint Cosme, Gigondas "Valbelle" 2006

Rating : (93) points

Richly layered but seamless, with black Mission fig, mulled spice, Lapsang souchong tea and roasted sage notes that stay both powerful and focused through the long, suave finish. Grenache and Syrah. Drink now through 2018.

Château de Saint Cosme, Gigondas "Hominis Fides" 2006

Rating : (94) points

Superpacked with a massive core of fig sauce, red and black licorice, macerated plum and boysenberry fruit flavors, but it's all very racy and pure, with a chalky spine holding the finish together while fruit and black tea notes echo on. Gorgeous. Best from 2009 through 2016.

Château de Saint Cosme, Gigondas "Le Poste" 2006

Rating : (94) points

Captivating aromas of incense, macerated blueberry and boysenberry fruit and Lapsang souchong tea are followed by a rich yet racy palate of dark fruit, licorice, roasted sage and mineral notes. The long finish has latent grip and great spine. This is a terrific young wine that should blossom in the cellar. Best from 2009 through 2016.

Château de Saint Cosme, Gigondas "Le Claux" 2006

Rating : (93) points

This has lots of flesh, but it's taut for now, with espresso and bittersweet cocoa framing the blackberry, fig compote and hoisin sauce notes. The long, dark finish has serious grip and a great mineral spine buried deep within it. Best from 2010 through 2016.

Château de Saint Cosme, Gigondas

Rating : (92) points

Packed with raspberry ganache, bittersweet cocoa, loam and briar notes, all pushed by a dark, muscular finish. Tangy minerality is buried deep on the finish, so cellar for maximum effect. Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cinsault. Best from 2010 through 2015.

Saint Cosme, Côtes du Rhône white 2006

Rating : (90) points

Plump, with alluring layers of mango, honeydew melon, pear and warm brioche. Stays bright and pure through the finish, with a lovely mouthfeel. Impressive. Drink now.

Saint Cosme, Côtes du Rhône 2006

Rating : (90) points

A structured version, with a layer of bacony toast guiding tar, black currant and fig flavors. Toast holds the upper hand on the finish for now, but this has solid depth. Drink now through 2009

2006

Saint Cosme, Saint Joseph 2006

Rating : (91) points

Briary in feel, with a mix of red cherry, black currant and blackberry fruit backed by cassis bush, sweet tobacco and mineral notes. There's a nice underlying juicy edge on the finish, where a perfumy hint of black tea chimes in. Drink now through 2012.

Saint Cosme, Les deux Albion 2006

Rating : (90) points

Very dark and rich, with Turkish coffee, bittersweet cocoa, melted licorice, roasted game and currant paste notes that are a step up in depth and concentration for the appellation. Long and very grippy on the finish, this could use a little time. Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Carignane and Clairette. Best from 2009 through 2011.

Saint Cosme, Côte-Rôtie 2006

Rating : (92) points

Pure and silky, with layers of black cherry and crushed plum fruit woven with sanguine and macerated olive notes. Nice underlying cut runs through the sage-tinged finish. Drink now through 2018.

Saint Cosme, Châteauneuf du Pape 2006

Rating : (94) points

A dense, chewy style, with a mix of red and black plum, fig and blackberry fruit laced with dark cocoa, beef and black licorice notes. The long, muscular finish has a tarry edge. Very powerful for the vintage. Best from 2010 through 2025.

2005

Château de Saint Cosme, Gigondas "Valbelle" 2005

Rating : (92) points

Ripe and showy, with deliciously pure blackberry, boysenberry and fig fruit, all layered with mocha, incense and Turkish coffee hints. The long, rich finish is really rich and silky, with a nice buried minerality. Drink now through 2012.

Château de Saint Cosme, Gigondas 2005

Rating : (90) points

This is fleshy and forward, with lots of tasty dark plum, licorice, spice cake and fig sauce notes. The lush, inviting finish has nice latent grip. Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cinsault. Drink now through 2010.

Saint Cosme, Côtes du Rhône white 2005

Rating : (87) points

Light, yet with a firm texture to the peach, melon and paraffin flavors. Nice almond hint on finish. Drink now.

Saint Cosme, Condrieu 2005

Rating : (91) points

Very rich and forward, with superripe quince, fig and glazed pear notes backed by a long finish filled with apple and honey. More broad and open, without the mineral drive of the best.

Saint Cosme, Saint Joseph 2005

Rating : (89) points

Sleek, with a cassis, red licorice and floral profile, followed by a tangy, herb-tinged finish. Drink now through 2011.

2005

Saint Cosme, Côte-Rôtie 2005

Rating : (94) points

Really loaded, with plenty of cocoa powder and dark toast up front, followed by mouthwatering acidity that drives the dark plum, Turkish coffee, cassis bush and licorice snap flavors through the long, grippy finish. Still has some toast to shed, so cellar. Best from 2010 through 2020.

2004

Château de Saint Cosme, Gigondas "Valbelle" 2004

Rating : (92) points

Pure and driven, with plum sauce, currant and fig paste notes backed by hints of tobacco, spice and mineral. Long, structured finish. Drink now through 2011.

Château de Saint Cosme, Gigondas 2004

Rating : (90) points

Dark, alluring plum and currant fruit, with lots of tobacco, spice and cocoa chiming in on the finish. Really solid. Drink now through 2010.

Château de Saint Cosme, Gigondas "Hominis Fides" 2004

Rating : (91) points

Ripe, fleshy and pure, with vivid plum, blackberry, tobacco, cocoa and fig paste flavors. The long, fleshy finish lets the minerality shine. Drink now through 2012.

Saint Cosme, Côtes du Rhône "les deux Albion" 2004

Rating : (90) points

Packed with raspberry and red currant fruit. Has the structure to age a bit, allowing its mineral, tar and hot stone notes to develop further. Shows the ripe, pure fruit of the vintage. Drink now through 2008.

Saint Cosme, Côtes du Rhône 2004

Rating : (88) points

Rich, mouthfilling black currant and fig flavors, with lots of tobacco and tar on the brawny finish. Drink now through 2007.

Saint Cosme, Côte-Rôtie 2004

Rating : (91) points

A racy beam of black currant and boysenberry fruit, with cocoa, coffee and olive notes. Long, dark fruit- and sanguine-filled finish. Very impressive for the vintage. Drink now through 2013.

2001

Saint Cosme, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2001

Rating : (94) points

Beautiful. Rich and ripe, smooth and silky, a dark-colored, full-bodied Châteauneuf delivering plenty of complexity earth, mineral, spice, chocolate, plum and black berries. Impeccable balance on the long finish. Tempting now, but will improve with age.

1999

Saint Cosme, Côte-Rôtie 1999

Rating : (93) points

Impressive. Inky-black, full-bodied, exciting, with supple texture, great minty, blackberry, black pepper flavors. This is deeply satisfying, with the sort of power that sets your taste buds afire. More fruit than terroir, however. Drink now through 2007.

Saint Cosme, Côtes du Rhône 1999

Rating : (90) points

A rich, thick, dark, well-made red, this displays some distinct oak accents, with spice, mocha and freshly ground coffee, but also plenty of concentrated black fruit and red berry flavors. Supple tannins on the balanced finish. Drink now through 2005.

1998

Château de Saint Cosme, Gigondas "Valbelle" 1998

Rating : (93) points

Ripe yet subtle. Dark, flavorful and supple, this full-bodied red is packed with cassis, smoke, toasted oak and plum. Has a massive tannin structure and a long, tasty finish. Best from 2005 through 2020.

Château de Saint Cosme, Gigondas 1998

Rating : (93) points

A beautiful, terroir-driven wine. Thick and elegant, with mineral, wet earth, plum and blackberry. Silky midpalate, but tannic and uncompromising on the finish. Needs time.

Saint Cosme, Condrieu 1998

Rating : (90) points

A dry-style Condrieu, with a firm midpalate of pear, apple tart, honey and lemon—a good combination to keep the palate fresh. Medium-bodied, refined and intense. Well made. Drink now through 2010.