



## Château de St Cosme - "Hominis Fides"

### AOP Gigondas - red - 2019

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Very old mixed plantings of Grenache on Miocene limestone sand in the "Hominis Fides" named vineyard. Whole cluster fermentation. Twelve months' ageing: 20% in new casks – 50% in casks used for one wine - 30% in casks used for two to three wines.

One day, many years ago, an agricultural 'adviser' looking at the soil analysis results from the 'Hominis Fides' vineyard said to my father: "You could build a car park here: there is no organic matter in the soil". Men's arrogance sometimes leads them to believe that figures can give them a complete picture of the realities of living things – nonsense! It is true that the Miocene limestone sand sediment is poor in organic matter. But vines are rustic, climbing plants that have very limited requirements. Most importantly, they need living soils that work well and nourish the plant. One of the secrets of limestone sand is its incredible ability to regulate water supply to the plant – and in a temperate Mediterranean climate, that is obviously of paramount importance. In a dry year like 2019, Hominis Fides produced magnificent fruit, as if the characteristics of the vintage had no impact on the ability of its long roots to source water. The 2019s have a depth and fine texture typical of the top vintages in this named vineyard where this year, once again, we unearthed fragments of Late Roman Empire (3rd century) flat tiles. The ubiquity of the Gallo-Roman era undeniably lends this site a spirit all of its own.

Antique rose, tar, blackcurrant.

Bottled unfiltered."