

Gigondas " Le Claux " 2011

Wine advocate

96 points - Full-bodied, layered and voluptuously textured, the 2011 Gigondas Le Claux (which comes from limestone soils and vines planted in 1914) has gorgeous lavender, incense, dried underbrush and floral notes, as well as a knockout core of black raspberry and black cherry-styled fruit. Seamlessly constructed, with loads of fruit, fine tannin and excellent overall freshness, it can be enjoyed anytime over the coming decade or more.

Stephen Tanzer

Saturated ruby. An exotically perfumed bouquet offers candied red and dark berries, potpourri and Asian spices. Shows pinot noir-like vivacity, with sappy raspberry and boysenberry flavors lifted and sharpened by juicy acidity. Fine-grained tannins give grip to a long, floral-dominated finish. Barruol told me that he thought that this might be the best wine of all his '11s.

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