

Hominis Fides 2016

Wine advocate

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Barruol's 2016 Gigondas Hominis Fides is tremendously concentrated and intense, boasting nearly overwhelming waves of black cherry fruit. Full-bodied, creamy and rich, it's approachable now for its lush, velvety fruit, but if you want more nuance and spice, try to hold it for 5-10 years. It should drink well through at least 2030.

Proprietor Louis Barruol continues to turn out some of the most exciting wines in his home appellation of Gigondas while expanding his négociant activities. For those who didn't know, he also has a joint venture to produce Riesling and Pinot Noir in New York's Finger Lakes. He's bullish on the Southern Rhône 2016s. As he said to me, "Maybe it is as good as 2010." He's tinkered with the Gigondas lineup, eliminating the Valbelle bottling and blending it with his Gigondas. The other bottlings are all single-parcel, 100% Grenache wines from le Claux, Hominis Fides and le Poste. Barruol is a champion of Gigondas's move to add white wine to the appellation. I reviewed his 2016 Côtes du Rhône le Poste last year, a barrel-fermented Clairette, and it has opened up a bit since then, making a more convincing case. Reviews of the Northern Rhône bottlings will be included at a later date.

Wine spectator

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas 2016 – 95 points

Decanter

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas «Hominis Fides» 2016, 98 points

«Very ripe in the 2016 vintage, with the oak adding a little demerara sugar crust to the fruit. Very full-bodied, but not thick or fat. Exceptional quality of tannin - they are huge, bold, springy. They boost the fruit forward into an extraordinarily long finish. The acidity is perfectly pitched, all in all it's perfectly balanced.» Decanter Avril 2018- Vintage report southern rhone 2016: Château de Saint-Cosme, Hominis Fides: 98 points . High acidity, abundant but sinewy tannins and intense dark fruit. Almost over-extracted but has freshness from minerality. Drink 2021-2035

Jeb Dunnock

2016 Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas Hominis Fides 100

One of the more backward and structured wines in the vintage is unquestionably the 2016 Gigondas Hominis Fides, which is 100% Grenache from a sandy, limestone site just across the street from the Le Claux vineyard. As always, it was not destemmed and was brought up all in barrel. Its inky purple color is followed by an extraordinary bouquet of blackcurrants, roasted garrigue, scorched earths, graphite, and an incredible sense of minerality (both in the aromatics as well as on the palate). Deep and powerful, with awesome intensity, it still stays ethereal and elegant, with no hard edges, polished tannins, a stacked mid-palate, and a blockbuster finish. A huge wine that never puts a foot wrong, this is one of the greatest Gigondas ever made! Don't miss it.

Drink Rhône John Livingstone

CHATEAU DE SAINT COSME HOMINIS FIDES 2016 ()

(casks) dark, black-tinted robe. The bouquet is sturdy and wide, evokes roast beef, a thick layer of black berry fruit, prunes, licorice. The palate is broad, abundant, never lets you relax thanks to its insistent drumroll of smoky, tangy black fruited content. It's dark, has a ground force, is wine from the soil up. Oak comes through on the really solid finish. Decanting advised. From 2023. 2039-42 Oct 2017

Vinous

2016 Château St. Cosme Gigondas Hominis Fides (95-96)

Bright ruby. A complex, expansive bouquet evokes ripe red and blue fruits, potpourri, incense and smoky minerals, along a sexy, exotic spice topnote. Shows superb energy and tension on the palate, offering alluringly sweet, densely packed black raspberry and boysenberry flavors that are sharpened by a peppery spice nuance. Shows wonderful clarity and floral lift on a long, penetrating finish that's shaped by smooth, well-judged tannins.

Jancis Robinson UK

Ch de St-Cosme, Hominis Fides 2016 Gigondas 17+
95% Grenache, 5% Syrah.

Very oaky nose giving sweet spice and something almost a bit musty, oddly. Potent tannic grip and deep fruit intensity. Impressive, though that oak is a bit intrusive both in terms of flavour and tannic structure.

Drink 2022-2036

James Suckling

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas Hominis Fides 2016 – 95 points

“Some deeper, bolder and slightly tarry aromas to the nose, which sits on a fresh, reductive edge. The palate rolls out an array of ripe, dark, spicy fruit, delivered amid powerful, yet crisply defined tannins. Superb purity here. From organically grown grapes.”