

# *Le Claux 2014*

## **Wine advocate**

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas Le Claux 2014 – 94

“One of the wines of the vintage from Gigondas, and I think the most complete of the three single vineyard releases from Saint Cosme, the 2014 Gigondas le Claux sports a medium ruby, semi-transparent color to go with a Pinot Noir-like bouquet of camphor, sweet cherries, dried flowers, forest floor and lots of minerality. Rich, medium to full-bodied, layered and with a terrific mid-palate and core of fruit, it won't be the longest-lived example of this cuvee, yet my money's on it drinking beautifully for at least another 8-10 years.” CHATEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas le Claux 2014 on barrels – 92-94 points

“The most mineral-driven in the lineup, the 2014 Gigondas le Claux is almost 100% Grenache, and was fermented with 100% stems and aged in Burgundy barrels. Freshly crushed rocks, black currants, forest floor and truffle notes all flow beautifully to a medium to full-bodied, layered, sexy and nicely concentrated Gigondas that has enough fruit to drink well on release, yet the structure, balance and depth to evolve for 10-15 years. It's an undeniable success in the vintage.”

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## **Wine spectator**

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“Intense, with lots of grip along the edges, as rosemary, tobacco and charcoal notes coil around the core of steeped plum, blackberry and red currant fruit. The long finish has a racy, minerally underpinning despite the heft. Shows terrific precision to the rusticity here.”

## **Vinous**

2014 Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas Les Claux - 93

(One-third new oak) Saturated ruby. A complex, expansive bouquet evokes ripe red and blue fruits, sandalwood, succulent herbs and potpourri. Sweet, seamless and penetrating in the mouth, offering energetic black raspberry, boysenberry and vanilla flavors that are sharpened by an energizing mineral quality and a white pepper flourish. Finishes impressively long and spicy; sneaky tannins lend shape and youthful grip. This wine sure doesn't come off as one from a tough vintage. Tasted on barrels: 2014 Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas Les Claux (92-94)

Vivid ruby-red. Highly perfumed red fruit liqueur, potpourri and Asian spice scents show impressive clarity and vivacity. Sappy, tangy and precise, offering lively raspberry and floral pastille flavors and a touch of spicecake. Closes on a smoky mineral note, displaying superb focus, silky tannins and emphatic, floral-driven persistence.