

# Le Claux 2015

## **Wine advocate**

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas Le Claux 2015 – 97-99

“Another wine that might flirt with perfection is the 2015 Gigondas le Claux. It’s also 100% Grenache and comes from a site just across the road from the Hominis Fides cuvee. The soils here are slightly more limestone-based, and like all of the wine here, it’s fermented with no destemming and aged mostly in old barrels (20% is new). Camphor, currants, incense, graphite, crushed rocks and licorice all soar from this thriller and it has full-bodied richness, an incredible texture and a blockbuster finish. It will have 2-3 decades of overall longevity.”

## **Wine spectator**

Wine Spectator Insider “Hot Wines” – August 9, 2017 CHÂTEAU SAINT COSME Gigondas Le Claux 2015 – 97 points

“Dark and dense, with a baker’s chocolate frame around an immense core of crushed plum, warm fig and boysenberry reduction flavors, while the back end brims with roasted apple wood, warm tar and licorice root notes. Will take some time to fully meld.”

## **Decanter**

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas Le Claux 2015, 96 points

«Showing some little fudge to the strawberry and blackberry fruit. Very soft, juicy, mouth filling fruit, but also good sense of freshness. Tannins are chewy and muscular, the alcohol a little raised. A powerful wine that takes time to unfurl on the palate into the very long finish. Regal and opulent.»

## **Gault & Millau**

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME GIGONDAS LE POSTE 2015 - 18/20 - Nez de graphite, un peu fumé, légèrement épicé avec une touche sauvage. Bouche riche, onctueuse, bien bâtie avec de la matière, du mouvement, de la générosité. A oublier et à ressortir pour le mariage des enfants.. 46 euros (départ cave)

## **Jeb Dunnuck**

2015 Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas Le Claux - 99

I loved the 2015 Gigondas Le Claux from barrel (really loved it), and this beauty doesn’t disappoint from bottle. Checking in as 100% Grenache (100% whole clusters and aged in 20% new barrels) from a site located just across the street from the Hominis Fides vineyard, it offers a heavenly bouquet of blackberries, blueberries, camphor, graphite, and licorice. Sensationally concentrated, rich and opulent, with low acidity, gorgeous purity, and a blockbuster finish, it stays light on its feet and graceful. It’s the greatest vintage of this cuvée to date, and you should buy as much as you can.

## **Vinous**

2015 Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas Les Claux

Brilliant ruby. Heady, mineral-laced red berry liqueur, spicecake and floral pastille aromas are complicated by suggestions of smoky minerals and succulent herbs. Juicy, sharply focused raspberry and bitter cherry flavors show superb concentration and become sweeter with air. The sappy, extremely long finish is framed by supple, slow-building tannins that fold quickly into the plush red fruit.

-- Josh Reynolds (94-96)

## **Jancis Robinson UK**

Jancis Robinson – November 23, 2016

In “Rhône 2015 - Rest of Southern Rhône Reds,” Jancis Robinson MW reviews:

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Gigondas Le Claux 2015 – 17 points out of 20

Cask sample.

“Tasted blind. Very dark crimson. Intense black-cherry aromas on the nose with some sinew and a polished-leather impression on the palate. Super-glam! Rather reminiscent of some of the Châteauneufs I tasted.”

## **James Suckling**

James Suckling – August 2017 - CHÂTEAU DE SAINT-COSME Gigondas Le Claux 2015 – 95 points

“An expression of 100+ year old vines, this has deep rich blackberry, graphite and dark plum fruits on the nose, and there's a strong sense of integration. The palate has seamless textural appeal and a long, deep and commanding finish. Great wine. Best from 2020.”