

DOMAINE CÉCILE CHASSAGNE GIGONDAS 2017

From a 1.5ha terraced vineyard in the lieu-dits 'La Pourra' which, at 300 metres elevation, is one of the highest in the Southern Rhone - above the village of Gigondas and the 'Grand Montagne' lieu-dits.



Southern Rhone 2017 - what the critics are saying;

'Marked concentration that has produced ageworthy reds'

Jancis Robinson

'A vintage of excellent quality but very low quantity'

Matt Walls - Decanter

'Good things come in small quantities'

Wine Spectator

'Structured and ageworthy wines'

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Domaine Cécile Chassagne was established in 1998 and has since cultivated a reputation for producing wines of elegance, purity and focus that offer all the headiness of Gigondas but without the excess.

Cécile's vineyard holdings covers just 1.5 ha of the '*La Pourra*' lieu-dits; a terraced vineyard in the heart of the *Dentelles de Montmirail*, which was planted in 1970 by her father, Jean-Claude Chassagne. The site reaches a height of 300m above sea-level, the soils are comprised mainly of stoney red-clay alluvium and is planted to three classic Rhone varieties: *Grenache*, *Syrah* and *Mourvedre*. Producing only one cuvée means they can focus their energies on careful vineyard management and astute winemaking.

Vinification is traditional, taking place in large wooden tanks, over a period of up to 20 days at moderate temperatures and usually incorporate a high-proportion of whole-bunches. The wine is aged for approximately 6 months in 3 year-old Allier Barriques

2017 in the Southern Rhone is being heralded as on a par qualitatively with the exciting 2015 vintage. Yields however, were dramatically down on previous years. This, combined with the size restrictions of the site have resulted in a smaller than usual allocation landing on our shores.

Good things come in small packages, and this years release from this exciting producer provides a stellar follow-up to the inspiring release of last years 2016's.

Our small parcel of **Domaine Cécile Chassagne Gigondas 2017** is arriving in July so we would like to give you the opportunity to secure some stock.



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80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre

'Lots of spring flowers, sappy underbrush, and ripe black cherry notes emerge from the 2017 Gigondas from Domaine Cecile Chassange. A co-fermented blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre, aged in older oak, it displays medium to full body, the charming, moderate depth of the vintage, and ripe, sweet tannins. It's going to drink nicely right out of the gate and keep for a decade.'

- 91 Points Jeb Dunnock, October 2018, Jebdunnock.com



