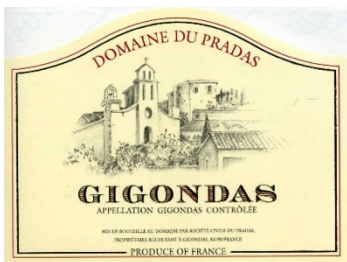


DOMAINE DU PRADAS

GIGONDAS 2019

Single Vineyard – GPS 44.158611, 4.9875



ORIGIN

Rhône

APPELLATION

Gigondas

VINEYARD

50 and 25-year-old vines
planted in red clay alluvial
deposits
with high scree content

BLEND

75% Grenache
25% Syrah

FARMING

Low yields
Hand-harvested and hand-
sorted.

WINEMAKING

Gravity-flow

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.5% Alc. |

Domaine du Pradas' 2019 Gigondas opens with wonderful notes of violet and blackberry. Its incredible bouquet of fruit perfumes from the glass as its deeply concentrated, voluminous, full-bodied flavors saturate the palate. The finish is marked by dense and gripping tannins.

The 2019 Rhône Valley vintage challenged its winemakers. The winter was mild, and continued into a dry spring, which led to an early bud break. It was then met with an unexpected cold snap and a strikingly hot summer. However, they were able to pass Mother Nature's tests with such a concentrated, balanced, refreshing cuvée.

The parcels of Domaine du Pradas are located at the base of the Dentelles de Montmirail, surrounded by dense and abundant vegetation. The vines' vegetative cycle at Domaine du Pradas starts more slowly than elsewhere, as the peak flowering period occurs much later, which avoids the risk of run-off caused by the sudden drops in temperature encountered in late spring. The grapes that come from the 4.5 hectare estate to create this cuvée are first sorted, only allowing the intact grape berries to be kept, and then enter the cold maceration period. This helps to extract the aromas by punching down and daily pumping over throughout the vinification process. Fermentation is slow and gentle, 25 days under temperature control. Finally, the aging takes place in underground tanks for a minimum of 2 years from which the wine is bottled at the estate.

Since 2015, Domaine du Pradas estate has been operated by Elisa Cheron, the eldest daughter of Yves Cheron, owner of several estates in the Rhône Valley

ACCOLADES

2019 Wine Advocate – 92 Points

2019 Wine Enthusiast – 92 Points

2019 Jeb Dunnuck – 90-92 Points

“A 75-25 blend of Grenache and Syrah, the 2019 Gigondas from this 4.5-hectare estate boasts scents of cassis and black cherries, accented by hints of crushed stone and dried herbs. Full-bodied and concentrated, it's velvety and tannic (but ripe) on the palate, leaving behind hints of licorice and black olives on the long, richly textured finish.” –W.A.

