



Gigondas Maintains Its Tempo & Vacqueyras: The Southern Rhône's

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2017 Domaine du Terme Vacqueyras

Deep vivid magenta. Ripe red fruits, succulent herbs and a suave floral nuance on the deeply perfumed nose. Fleshy, seamless and open-knit, offering appealingly sweet raspberry and mulberry flavors that become livelier with air. Finishes very long and supple, with repeating florality and harmonious tannins adding gentle closing grip. All concrete. **(91 points)**

2016 Domaine du Terme Gigondas

Glistening ruby. Ripe red and blue fruits, garrigue and building floral and spice notes on the perfumed nose. Juicy, appealingly sweet and open-knit raspberry and cassis flavors tighten up slowly with air. Dusty tannins come in steadily on a long, smoke- and spice-laced finish that leaves a sappy red berry note behind. **(91 points)**

2018 Domaine du Terme Gigondas Cuvée Réserve

Brilliant magenta. An expansive, complex bouquet evokes ripe cherry and blueberry preserves, incense and garrigue, and a spicy nuance builds in the background. Shows superb depth and focus to the sappy red and blue fruit and spicecake flavors, which spread out and turn sweeter with aeration. Closes on a seductive floral note, with rounded, even tannins and outstanding, blue-fruit-driven persistence. **(92-94 points)**

2018 Domaine du Terme Gigondas

Deep red. Sexy, spice-accented aromas of fresh red fruit and potpourri are sharpened by a smoky mineral element. Palate-caressing, appealingly sweet raspberry and lavender pastille flavors turn deeper with air, complemented by suggestions of star anise and white pepper. Delivers both power and finesse and finishes smooth and long, with sneaky tannins and resonating spiciness. **(90-92 points)**

2017 Domaine du Terme Gigondas Cuvée Réserve

Bright violet color. Smoke- and spice-tinged black raspberry, cherry liqueur and succulent floral qualities on the highly expressive nose. Stains the palate with intense red/dark berry, candied lavender and spicecake flavors that smoothly blend richness and energy. The impressively long, spicy finish shows fine detail, well-knit tannins and a resonating floral quality. **(92-93 points)**

