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Gigondas Le Pas de l'Aigle 2023**92+/100**

Soft, subtle red cherry fruit with lighter toasted notes and a softer base of dried fruits. A good wealth of tannins on the palate with fruit tucked in and waiting to emerge.

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane Red 2024**90/100**

Dark fruited at the front with cherry and lighter plum notes, soft touches of black pepper at the base, toasted notes and lighter herbal aspects. Good deal of grip on the palate, running a touch looser into the finish, but will clean up a bit once finalized.

Gigondas Romane Machotte White 2025**94/100**

Layered noted of dried orchard fruits, pleasing touch of peach and softer apricot, nicely balance on the palate with a texture, nuanced finish.

Gigondas Romane Machotte Red 2023**92/100**

Forward mix of dark and red fruits with softer cherry notes and a lighter touch of underlying toasted notes. Softer and grippy on the palate with a pleasing tannin profile into the finish.

*Pierre Amadieu***JEB DUNNUCK**

Jeb Dunnuck - 01/2026

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane red 2023**91/100**

Based on 65% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, and 15% Syrah and aged 18 months in 15% new French oak with the balance in foudre, the 2023 Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane offers juicy berries, leather, peppery herbs, and sandalwood on the nose. It's medium-bodied, with a firm, focused mouthfeel, solid tannic grip, and outstanding length. Give it a year or two and drink over the following 10-12 years. Drink 2027-2039.

Gigondas Le Pas de L'Aigle 2023**92-94+/100**

Classic spiced red and black fruits intermixed with leather, pepper, and sandalwood emerge from the 2023 Gigondas Le Pas De L'Aigle, a blend of 90% Grenache and 10% Syrah aged 24 months in foudres. It's medium to full-bodied, has a straight, focused mouthfeel, ripe, polished tannins, and outstanding length. It's a beautiful, classic, elegant Gigondas that will evolve for two decades if well stored.

Vacqueyras La Grangelière rouge 2023**91/100**

Pretty red fruits, peppery herbs, and sappy, floral nuances all emerge from the 2023 Vacqueyras La Grangelière, and it's medium-bodied, with a lively, elegant mouthfeel and outstanding length. Based on 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah and aged six months with one-third in barrels and two-thirds in foudre, it's impeccably made and will offer loads of pleasure over the coming 7-8 years. Drink 2026-2033.

Gigondas Romane Machotte red 2023**90/100**

The 2023 Gigondas Romane Machotte is based on 70% Grenache, 15% Syrah, and 15% Cinsault and was aged 12 months in foudre and barrels. Juicy berry fruits, Provençal spices, pepper, and sandalwood all emerge from this medium-bodied, fruit-forward, delicious effort. It has forward charm yet brings ripe tannins and a good finish. Drink over the coming 7-8 years. Drink 2026-2034.

Cairanne Les Hautes Rives white 2024**90/100**

Based on 50% Clairette, 30% Grenache Blanc, and 20% Roussanne and aged in barrels on fine lees with bâtonnage for two months, the 2024 Cairanne Les Hautes Rives Blanc offers exotic tropical fruits, honeyed white flowers, and subtle peach nuances. It's pure, medium-bodied, and nicely balanced, with integrated acidity and outstanding length. Drink 2026-2030.

Gigondas Romane Machotte white 2024**90/100**

Based on 70% Clairette, 25% Marsanne and Roussanne, and 5% Viognier, the 2024 Gigondas Romane Machotte Blanc delivers notes of ripe pear, honeyed citrus, and crushed stone. It's medium-bodied, bright, fresh, and focused, with a

*Pierre Amadieu***Decanter**

Matt Walls - December 2025

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane white 2024 92/100

Perfumed on the nose, it's further lifted by some fresh oak notes, like vanilla pod. Good sense of cooling freshness on the palate, the oak is well integrated. Silky, fine and fresh, even if the acidity is fairly low. Needs time to open up but will be very good with some time in bottle.

Gigondas Le Pas de l'Aigle 2024 93/100

Engaging aromas that are super fresh, as is the palate. Really juicy and vibrant, great surging acidity and little plaquettes of layered tannin like tiny leaves. Needs time to fully harmonise, but it has plenty of time. Will be very good, in a tight, tense, vibrant style when it's ready. Sixty-five-year-old vines grown at 400m elevation, aged in foudres.

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Kristin Bieler - 10/25

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane white 2024 92/100

Still tightly wound, this offers delicate notes of crunchy nectarine but is mostly about mineral intensity and streaks of savory appeal. Sage and oregano accompany a blast of cooling herbs, with just a kiss of toast through the long finish, which holds great tension and energy. Drink now through 2030.

Côtes du Rhône Grande Réserve 2023 90/100

Ripe and caressing, with a warm cascade of juicy red currant and cherry alongside black pepper, exotic dry spices and grilled apple wood smoke. Chalky tannins sneak up on the finish, keeping a firm grip, while lovely tones of dried lavender and incense bring a lifted quality. Grenache and Syrah. Drink now through 2028.

Gigondas Romane Machotte 2023 91/100

An expressive and sturdy red, featuring ripe cherry and licorice flanked by garrigue, anise and chalky mineral notes. Maintains beautiful freshness, with polished yet sturdy tannins driving the length. Grilled apple wood smoke hovers on the close. Grenache and Syrah. Drink now through 2033.

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane 2023 92/100

There's a pretty, floral lift to this red, with incense and lavender paste layered with a saline mineral vein, plus mocha and apple wood smoke details. The black tea tannins are nicely polished yet muscular enough to need a few years to unwind. A serious wine, with serious life ahead in cellar. Grenache, Mourvèdre and Syrah.

Pierre Amadieu

Nicolas Greinacher - 11/25

Gigondas Romane Machotte 2023 **90/100**

Delicate red fruits, dried herbs and subtle violets set up the 2023 Gigondas Romane Machotte, a full-bodied, chalky-textured red that packs its signature austerity. Tight, fresh and lifted, the 2023 winds down with very good persistence.

Gigondas Romane Machotte white 2024 **90/100**

Blending certified organic Clairette (70%) with Marsanne and Roussanne (25%) plus a dollop of Viognier, the medium-bodied 2024 Gigondas Blanc Romaine Machotte initiates with enticing jasmine, lemon flesh and a slice of white peach. Delivering noteworthy tension, the 2024 winds down with persistence on the sapid end. Delicious.

Vacqueyras La Grangelière red 2023 **90/100**

The 2023 Vacqueyras La Grangelière begins with dried herbs, just-ripe red fruits and a pinch of white pepper. Full-bodied, structured and refreshing, the 2023 is a well-made, elegant red Vacqueyras that's going to benefit from one more year in bottle. This winds down with spicy tones on the long, nuanced finish.



Yohan Castaing - 10/25

Gigondas Romane Machotte white 2024 **92+/100**

A blend of 70% Clairette, 25% Marsanne and Roussanne, and 5% Viognier, the 2024 Romane Machotte Blanc is lovely, opening with aromas of white orchard fruits, menthol, iodine and ripe stone fruits. Medium- to full-bodied, satiny and ample, it offers a sweet core of fruit and a seamless, enveloping palate. This is a supple, expressive white that should drink well across a broad window.

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane white 2024 **92/100**

Crafted from old-vine Clairette planted on marl soils at 300 meters in altitude, the 2024 Gigondas Blanc Domaine Grand Romane offers up aromas of white fruits, herbs and subtle spice. Medium- to full-bodied, satiny and layered, it's dense yet vibrant, with bright acids that lend tension and drive. The finish is long, ethereal and strikingly refined for a pure Clairette.

*Pierre Amadieu***WINE ENTHUSIAST**

Anna-Christina Cabrales - 07/25

Gigondas Romane Machotte red 2023**93/100**

Driven by violets, crushed white pepper, and a granitic edge, the nose is focused and pure, offering a snapshot of its terroir. The palate is energetic and compact, with dark berry fruit wrapped tightly in youthful acidity and savory spice. White pepper lingers with freshness through the finish, making this both structured and approachable. A wine with poise, precision, and staying power.

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane red 2023**93/100**

The nose of this wine is infused with concentrated black fruits, scorched earth, delicate licorice and a touch of white pepper—captivating with understated elegance. On the palate, fine tannins integrate, balanced beautifully by fresh acidity. The finish is soft and berry-driven, leaving a lasting impression. It's ready to drink now, but should cellar confidently through 2032+

Gigondas Le Pas de l'Aigle 2022**93/100**

Sun-drenched red cherry anchors the nose, surrounded by notes of white strawberry, raspberry, and warm earth that frame the fruit with natural ease. There's a sense of balance and approachability from the outset, yet the wine doesn't coast on charm alone. On the palate, rhubarb, white pepper, and a dusting of clove bring energy and texture to the mid-palate, while pulverized stone minerality adds length on the finish.



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Yohan Castaing – 06/2025

Gigondas Romane Machotte rosé 2024**90/100**

Perfumed and gently spicy, the 2024 Gigondas Romane Machotte Rose evokes aromas of red berries, pomegranate, herbs and blood orange. Moderately weighted, lively and juicy in the mouth, it is framed by bright acids and a somewhat incisive mid-palate, concluding with a mouth watering, saline finish. This is a classic at this address.

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Kristin Bieler - 06/25

Cairanne Les Hautes Rives red 2023**90/100**

A kick of menthol freshness and a chalky mineral backdrop support supple plum and smoky graphite shaving notes in this clean, delicious red. Shows a whiff of apple wood on the snappy finish. Grenache, Mourvèdre and Syrah. Drink now through 2028.

Côtes-du-Rhône Roulepieyre white 2024**89/100**

An appealing style, featuring creamy peach and melon powered by tangy acidity that brings buoyancy to the finish. Chalky mineral notes add definition, and dried green herbs weave from beginning to end. Grenache Blanc and Clairette. Drink now. 1

Gigondas Romane Machotte white 2024**92/100**

Serious white, with real weight and complexity behind its notes of pear, green fig and almond, all set against a firming wall of mineral and salt. Richly styled, with a hint of flattering toast at the edges, this is focused, showing good length and character. Offers a flash of chamomile on the finish. Clairette, Marsanne, Viognier and Roussanne. Drink now through 2028.

Côtes-du-Rhône Roulepieyre red 2023**89/100**

A delicious example of a fresh, up-front, unadorned red. There's terrific purity to the bouncy notes of cherry and lavender, with lashings of salt and graphite adding refreshing contrast as the perfectly ripe fruit shines through. Grenache and Syrah. Drink now.

IGP Méditerranée Viognier-Clairette 2024**90/100**

A lush style, with an attractive mix of yuzu and pear on a juicy frame. Chamomile and spice notes glide through, with salty mineral accents grounding the bitter-edged finish. A kiss of shortbread and smoke is nicely integrated; this is stylish and delicious. Viognier and Clairette. Drink now through 2028. .

Gigondas Le Pas de l'Aigle 2022**93/100**

Seductive notes of incense, plum and black currant are plush and expansive, quickly hemmed in with bitter mineral and smoldering graphite elements. Offers a meaty, singed *garrigue* character alongside an alder smoke accent, with a high-toned lavender detail. Black tea tannins bring a hint of chewiness on the lengthy finish. Burly, complex and serious. Grenache and Syrah. Drink now through 2035. .

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Stuart Pigott – April 2025

Gigondas Le Pas de l'Aigle 2022 **94/100**

This Gigondas is as wide as the sky where it grew. Dense damson-plum fruit and a wealth of tar and licorice envelop the compact tannin structure at the heart of this very serious wine. Long, plush finish with plenty of energy. From north-facing vineyards 500 meters above sea level. From organically grown grapes. A pure grenache matured for two years in foudres (casks). Drink from release.

Gigondas Romane Machotte 2023 **93/100**

This dark and powerful red with a velvety texture is rather easy to enjoy right away because of its fleshy personality. It has stacks of damson-plum, wild-blackberry and delicate Mediterranean-herb aromas. The long, fleshy finish is beautifully balanced. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold

Cairanne Les Hautes Rives red 2023 **92/100**

Generous forest-berry, licorice and dry-earth aromas fill out the full-bodied but nicely balanced palate of this structured and well-rounded wine. Velvety tannins gently build in the long, moderately dry finish. Grenache and mourvedre with a touch of syrah from high-altitude vineyards on limestone soil. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Gigondas Romane Machotte white 2024 **92/100**

Juicy, delicious and well-balanced, showing white peaches, sweet lemons, anise and some sweet almonds. Medium-bodied, this has a silky texture with blanched almonds on the midpalate and a fruity, aromatic finish. Drink now.

Vacqueyras La Grangelière red 2023 **92/100**

Well-made and pulpy, showing aromas of dark cherries, spiced plums, dried herbs and baking spices. Medium- to full-bodied, this has fine tannins, a crunchy berry character and a vivid finish with a lift of dried herbs and peppercorns. Drink or hold.

Côtes-du-Rhône Roulepierre white 2024 **91/100**

Fresh, juicy and seductive, this has pears, limes and apricots on the nose, following through to a medium body and crisp acidity. Vivid and joyful with some blanched-almond character in the finish. Drink now.

Côtes-du-Rhône Grande Réserve 2023 **91/100**

A supple red, showing blackcurrants, dark cherries and mild spices on the nose. It's medium-bodied and fruit-driven with silky tannins and some spices to the juicy finish. Drink now.

Gigondas Romane Machotte rosé 2024 **91/100**

A refreshing rosé, showing aromas of berries, redcurrants and some flowers. It's light-bodied with a fresh, supple and playful character. Fruity finish. Drink now.

Côtes-du-Rhône Roulepierre red 2023 **90/100**

Generous black-cherry aroma is wrapped around soft tannins on the supple, full-bodied palate. Delicate baking spices and licorice. Long, mellow finish. A cuvee of 80% grenache and 20% syrah matured only in stainless steel. Drink now.

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Stuart Pigott – April 2025

Châteauneuf du Pape La Paillousse red 92/100

A dense, spicy and energetic red with some punch, this shows aromas of blackberries, dark plums, dry earth, warm spices and some leather. It's full-bodied with fine, firm tannins. Structured and well-built with a velvety center-palate and a pulpy, serious and solid finish with length. Drink or hold.

Vinsobres Les Piallats 2023 93/100

Bright and expressive on the medium- to full-bodied palate, this has so much wild-blackberry and black-cherry fruit. Really fresh, but there's also a certain creaminess that neatly fits the vivid fruit and lively acidity. The fine tannins are a touch more assertive in the long finish, but this drinks so well already. From the sandy middle section of the slope of Vinsobres. Drink or hold.

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane white 2023 94/100

Here's proof that white Gigondas is not just a marketing strategy but a wine with its own flavor profile. Medium - to full-bodied, this has a wonderful interplay of restrained creaminess, mineral freshness and delicate tannins. Complex white tree-fruit and summer-meadow aromas. Long, stony and chalky finish. Just 12.5% alcohol. A pure clairette from vines planted in 1955. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane 2023 94/100

A serious, well-built and structured red with currants, dark plums, bark and baking spices. Full-bodied, peppery and driven, it has plush tannins and plenty of power. Focused with a long, spicy finish. Drink from 2028.

Viognier Clairette Méditerranée white 2024 89/100

Welcome to the peach zone. A very easy-to-drink dry white with plenty of body and some creaminess on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Just 12.5% alcohol. From organically grown grapes. Drink now.

JEB DUNNUCK

By Jeb Dunnuck - 01/2025

Vacquieras La Grangelière red 2023 90-92/100

Darker berries, peppery, and some leather and mineral notes all emerge from Amadieu's 2023 Vacqueyras La Grangelière, another impressive 2023 that has terrific purity, ripe tannins, and a great finish.

Cairanne Les Hautes Rives red 2023 87-89/100

Red and black fruits, peppery herbs, spice, and hints of dried flowers all emerge from the 2023 Cairanne Les Hautes Rives, a juicy, medium-bodied Cairanne that has balance and length. A blend of 60% Grenache, 25% Mourvèdre, and 15% Syrah, it should drink well for 8-10 years.

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Kristin Bieler - 10/24

Gigondas Romane Machotte red 2022 **91/100**

Still tightly coiled, this displays generous waves of ripe cherry and licorice root laced up with black tea tannins and ample iron. Showing plenty of lushness, this stays structured and poised, offering a long, taut finish, with mineral energy. Will evolve nicely with time in bottle. Grenache and Syrah.

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane 2022 **93/100**

Gorgeous smokiness introduces this harmonious version, which offers incense, cherry and dusty earth notes anchored with crushed iron. There's a lot packed into an elegant frame, with fine tannins. This stretches on and on, kissed with singed apple wood and herb details. Showing beautifully now, this will age well for years to come.



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Yohan Castaing - 10/24

Gigondas Romane Machotte red 2022 **91+/100**

While a bit closed at the first sniff, the 2022 Gigondas Romane Machotte opens in the glass, revealing aromas of smoke, oak, spices, and Provence herbs. Medium to full-bodied, enrobing and supple, it's structured and a bit austere in the mid-palate, concluding with a long, mineral and licorice-inflected finish. Give it 2-3 years to fully integrate its élevage.

Gigondas Domaine Grande Romane red 2022 **91/100**

A blend of 65% Grenache Noir, 20% Mourvèdre, and 15% Syrah, the 2022 Gigondas Domaine Grande Romane exhales an oaky, smoky bouquet of spices, garrigue, and licorice. Medium to full-bodied, beautifully classical and moderately tannic, it's juicy and elegant with a long, spicy, and ethereal finish.

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Nicolas Greinacher - 09/24

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane red 2022 **91/100**

The 2022 Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane is a full-bodied, savory and gently smoky red that's firmly structured by ripe tannins. Concentrated and rich, the 2022 requires at least three more years in a cool cellar to start showing its full potential.

Gigondas Romane Machotte red 2022 **91/100**

Herbs, forest strawberry, leafy shadings and a touch of graphite introduce the multifaceted 2022 Gigondas Romane Machotte. Structured and focused, the full-bodied 2022 packs ample freshness and checks out with good energy on the long finish.

*Pierre Amadieu***JAMESSUCKLING.COM** **Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane red 2022****94/100**

This has the full body, concentration and spicy complexity that we expect from this appellation. Excellent interplay of elderberry fruit with licorice, wild herb and chocolate character and powerful but plush tannins. Bold but polished finish. A cuvee of 60% grenache, 25% mourvedre (all whole cluster) and 15% syrah, the older vines planted during the 1950s. Bottled unfiltered. This should age very well. Drink or hold.

JEB DUNNUCK

By Jeb Dunnuck - 05/2024

Gigondas Le Pas de L'Aigle 2022**94+/100**

The flagship 2022 Gigondas Le Pas De L'Aigle from this reference point estate is based on 90% Grenache and 10% Syrah that's aged in barrel for 24 months. It has a vivid ruby hue as well as a terrific perfume of red and black fruits, cedary herbs, and chocolate. This carries to a medium to full-bodied, concentrated 2022 offering beautiful tannins, a layered, balanced mouthfeel, and fine tannins, picking up a gorgeous sense of minerality on the finish. This deserves 2-3 years in the cellar and is going to drink brilliantly over the following 10-12 years, if not longer.

Gigondas Romane Machotte red 2023**89-91/100**

The 2023 Gigondas Romane Machotte checks in as 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah brought up in tuns and oak barrels. It's a forward, textured, medium-bodied effort that has attractive red fruit, spice, and some crushed stone-like nuances. A classic Gigondas, it will drink nicely right out of the gate.

Gigondas Le Pas de L'Aigle 2023**92-94/100**

The 2023 Gigondas Le Pas De L'Aigle checks in as 90% Grenache and the rest Syrah. It has a classic, more red-fruited style as well as beautiful crushed stone, Provençal spice, and loamy earth-like nuances. This medium to full-bodied, balanced, ripe, textured Gigondas will benefit from just a few years of bottle age yet age gracefully over the following decade or more.

JAMESSUCKLING.COM **Gigondas Romane Machotte red 2022****93/100**

This excellent Gigondas marries rich forest berry aromas with elegant tannins and an impressive freshness on the full-bodied palate. The chalky character builds at the long, moderately firm finish. Partly from 70-year-old vines, the remainder from 50-year-old vines, all at 350 to 400 meters above sea level. A cuvee of 80% grenache matured in foudres and 20% syrah matured in barriques. Unfiltered. Drinkable now, but best from 2025.

JAMIE GOODE – June 2024**Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane 2022****94/100**

Grenache noir 65%, Mourvèdre 20%, Syrah 15%. This is quite structured with grainy, gravelly tannins sitting under the sweet cherry and berry fruits. A firm wine, but with freshness as well as the generous, sweet fruit. The Mourvèdre is making its presence felt here: really appealing with potential for ageing.

Pierre Amadieu

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Gigondas Romane Machotte 2022**90+/100**

Stubborn struck-match aromas appear on the nose of Amadieu's 2021 Gigondas Romane Machotte. Once those have subsided with vigorous swirling, ripe cherries and hints of olive emerge. An 80-20 blend of Grenache and Syrah, it's medium to full-bodied and silky in texture, showing ample concentration, with a mouthwatering, tannic but ripe finish.

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Nicolas Greinacher - 01/2024

Gigondas Le Pas de l'Aigle 2022**92-94/100**

The pale-ruby-colored 2022 Gigondas Le Pas de l'Aigle is medium to full-bodied, savory and complex. Blending 90% Grenache with 10% Syrah, it will mature for two years foudres, with an additional year in bottle ahead of commercial release. This will be necessary, as the firm tannic structure requires times to mellow. Nonetheless, the aromas and flavors already show quite well, including a mingling spice box, strawberry, raspberry, black cherry graphite and a menthol splash.

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane 2022**91-93/100**

The 2022 Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane will spend 18 months in a combination of french oak barriques (15% new) and old oak foudres. Grippy tannins provide good structure yet demand at least two more years in bottle. Ripe forest strawberry, black cherry, dried herbs and elements of mint nestle underneath firm tannins. Provided everything comes together as it should, this will be a fine Gigondas.

Gigondas Romane Machotte 2022**90-92/100**

The 2022 Gigondas Romane Machotte mixes 80% Grenache with 20% Syrah. Red fruit aromatics and nuances of pencil shavings rise up from the glass. Minly and spicy undertones add more complexity. Classic and elegant, this uplifting 2022 wraps it up with spot-on balance and a juicy core of red fruit.

Pierre Amadieu

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Alistair Cooper – November 2023

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane 2022 **16/20**

The nose is packed full of soft and generous red fruits. A core of ripe fruits is underlaid by good freshness, fine and detailed yet firm tannins. The oak is well integrated and the palate is structured, layered and with a rich, long finish. (AC)

Gigondas Le Pas de l'Aigle 2022 **16/20**

Cocoa nib, sweet spice and red-fruit aromas. Dense and ripe, with firm tannins that dominate the mid palate at the moment. There is plenty of structure here and it needs a little time to soften the edges of the robust tannins. Plenty of fruit here, too, to soak up those tannins just a little closed for now.

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Matt Walls – November 2023

Gigondas Romane Machotte 2022 **91/100**

Surprisingly punchy for a 2022, this has more weight and power than many Gigondas this year. The oak isn't excessive, and serves to frame and focus the fruit. Good length and freshness. Smooth and approachable, well balanced, with the structure to last.

JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck – November 2023

Gigondas Le Pas De L'Aigle 2022 **93-95/100**

I'd put the 2022 Gigondas Le Pas De L'Aigle up with the crème de la crème of the vintage. Based on 90% Grenache and 10% Syrah that will spend two years in foudre, it has remarkable purity in its ripe redcurrant and strawberry-driven fruit profile as well as complex notes of Provençal spices, crushed stone, and dried flowers. It's medium to full-bodied, beautifully balanced, has fine tannins, and a great finish.

Gigondas Romane Machotte 2022 **88-90/100**

A medium-bodied, charming, elegant Gigondas based on 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah, the 2022 Gigondas Romane Machotte has ample red fruit, some peppery, Provençal garrigue-like aromatics, ripe tannins, and a good finish. It's well-made and incredibly satisfying. Drink bottles on release and over the following 7-8 years.

Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane 2022 **91-93/100**

A fruit-loaded, up-front, impressively concentrated and textured Gigondas, the 2022 Gigondas Domaine Grand Romane (65% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, and 15% Syrah) is medium to full-bodied, has soft, integrated tannins, no hard edges, and a great finish. I don't think it's going to be the longest lived Gigondas, but it should shine right out of the gate.