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AOP Gigondas 2017 vintage

2017 Domaine du Grapillon d'Or • Gigondas (91-93)

An 80-20 Grenache-Syrah blend, the 2017 Gigondas boasts blackberry and mulberry fruit. It's dark and intense but already approachable, being full-bodied, supple and graced with soft, gentle tannins. Crisp acids on the finish make a pleasant counterpoint without being jarring, serving to bring focus and length. Tasted twice, with consistent notes.

2017 Domaine du Grapillon d'Or • Gigondas Excellence (93-95)

The 2017 Gigondas Excellence (tasted on two separate occasions) seems to have lost the green streak that gave me pause last year, instead offering intense black cherry and plum notes highlighted by hints of violets, leather and cola. It's full-bodied, expansive and supple, with a long, velvety finish. It's a 60-40 blend of Grenache and Syrah, aged in tank.

AOP Gigondas Excellence 2016 vintage

2016 Domaine du Grapillon d'Or • Gigondas Excellence (94-96)

Still in a combination of concrete and steel, the 2016 Gigondas Excellence looks even better than it did last year. Plum, cola and blueberry notes mingle on the nose of this 60-40 Grenache-Syrah blend. It's full-bodied and supple, long, complete and youthful. It's set to be released in Fall 2019. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. **August 2018.**



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