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2017 Domaine Du Grapillon D'Or Gigondas Cuvee 1806 92-94

The classic cuvée of the estate, the 2017 Gigondas Cuvée 1806 is a blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah that was destemmed and brought up in tank and older barrels. It's not bottled, but nevertheless appears to be one of the finest examples from this estate to date, with beautiful kirsch fruit, notes of garrigue, ground pepper, and earth, medium to full body, and a layered, fleshy, sexy texture. It's a no brainer purchase.

2017 Domaine Du Grapillon D'Or Gigondas Excellence 93-95

The limited production cuvée is the 2017 Gigondas Excellence, a 60/40 split of Grenache and Syrah that's destemmed and sees a slightly longer maceration (35 days versus 25 days for the Cuvée 1806) and aging in tanks. It's a brilliant, brilliant barrel sample that has loads of pure cassis as well as ground pepper, graphite, violets, and garrigue nuances. With incredible purity of fruit, it's a classic, Provençal, stunning effort that's going to keep for 10-15 years.



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