

HB Wine Merchants presents wines from: **Cellier des Princes**



FRANCE

La Chasse des Princes Gigondas

AOP Gigondas



Brand Highlights

- 2020 vintage is a blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah
- Cellier des Princes winery has been producing premium Châteauneuf-du-Pape in the Rhône Valley since 1925
- The La Chasse des Princes range was introduced in 2017 and is dedicated to gastronomic wines matching with a range of hearty dishes, as each label depicts.

The Estate

Founded in 1925, the winemakers of the Cellier des Princes believe that actions speak louder than words. Multiple generations of these winemakers have written the story of Cellier des Princes.....defending and illustrating the value of rigor and faithfulness in winemaking in the Southern Rhône. Made up of 580 hectares of vineyards, this collective group has a presence in every terroir of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation. The Gigondas terroir is made up of alluvial terraces of red clay and limestone with gravel. A young and talented winemaker, Thierry Ferlay, a native of the Southern Rhône, has been experimenting, improving quality and marrying traditional methods with modern twists for almost 10 years. The winery is committed to environmental responsibility—including offering recyclable packaging, highly efficient water use and solar panels to save over 140 tons of CO2 each year.

Wine Making

The grapes are harvested at peak ripeness, destalked and crushed. They spend 3-4 days in vats with daily release and punching of the cap. Fermentation begins around 14-15°C to attain a stable temperature at 25-30°C and will be maintained until the end of alcoholic fermentation. Vinification and maturation of the wine occurs in cement vats and ages for nine months in the tank. No oak aging—this allows the purest expression of the fruit and the terroir to shine through.

Tasting Notes

The Gigondas is a dark red ruby color and is filled with intense red & black fruit aromas along with Mediterranean spices and herbs of thyme, rosemary and lavender. On the palate, it is full-bodied and powerful, with smooth tannins and a racy finish. Pairs beautifully with hearty game like venison and wild boar as well as aged hard cheeses.

Press

- ◆ 2022 Vintage **88-91 Points**—Vinous
- ◆ 2022 Vintage **89-92 Points**—Jeb Dunnuck
- ◆ 2021 Vintage **89-91 Points**—Vinous
- ◆ 2020 Vintage **92 Points**—James Suckling
- ◆ 2020 Vintage **90 Points**—Jeb Dunnuck

Product Specifications

- Available in: 750mL-12 [Natural Cork]
- UPC: 8 75734 00252 7
- SCC: 1 08 75734 00252 4
- Case (in.):