

2012 Domaine Montirius Gigondas Terres des Aines 92

Brilliant purple. Intense, sharply focused red berry, cherry pit and floral oil scents are complemented by deeper-pitched suggestions of licorice and musky herbs. Stains the palate with intense black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors that become weightier and spicier with aeration. Nicely plays power off vivacity, finishing smooth, spicy and long, with just a hint of fine-grained tannins.

2012 Domaine Montirius Gigondas Confidentiel 93

Opaque ruby. Potent aromas of boysenberry, black raspberry and candied flowers, along with a zesty mineral overtone. Sweet, penetrating and pure on the palate, offering intense black and blue fruit flavors that stretch out and brighten with air. Smoothly combines power and finesse and finishes spicy, stony and extremely long, with sneaky tannins lending shape.

2013 Domaine Montirius Gigondas Terres des Aines (90-92)

Bright violet color. Sexy mineral-accented aromas of fresh red berries, potpourri and spicecake. Fresh and lively on the palate, offering juicy raspberry and bitter cherry flavors that become sweeter and deeper with air. Packs a serious punch but comes off as lithe, finishing with strong bite and silky tannins that come up slowly.

2013 Domaine Montirius Gigondas Confidentiel (91-93)

Vivid ruby. A complex, highly perfumed bouquet evokes fresh red and dark berries, potpourri and anise, with an intense mineral overtone. Juicy and precise on the palate, offering gently sweet black raspberry and floral pastille flavors that deepen and spread out with air. Shows just a hint of tannins on the finish, which hangs on with excellent tenacity and building spiciness.