

## MARITIME

WINE TASTING STUDIO



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## La Vidaubanaise “Le Provençal” Côtes De Provence Rosé 2019

Established in the town of Vidauban in 1922, the Maitres Vignerons de la Vidaubanaise today control 600 hectares of vines in the heart of the Côtes de Provence. Located on the limestone foothills of the Maures massif in the southern Var, the terroir benefits from the Mediterranean climate so beneficial for traditional southern varietals such as Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre, Cinsault, Carignan and Rolle. Wines from the Maitres Vignerons annually win numerous awards at competitions such as the Mondial du Rosé and the Concours General Agricole, as well as receiving regular references in the French wine press such as the Guide Hachette.

**Variety:** Blend of Grenache, Cinsault, Carignan, Syrah & Mourvèdre

**Tasting notes:** Inviting bouquet of red currants, strawberries and melon. At once delicate yet flavorful on the palate with a long, refreshing finish. Ideal wine with lighter summer fare such as salads, pasta, grilled meats; exceptional with fish on the grill.



## Domaine Raspail-Ay Gigondas 2016

Dominique Ay, the serious-minded proprietor of Domaine Raspail-Ay (Rahss Pie Yay), makes one of the most iconic wines in all of Gigondas. Its 19 hectares make up one continuous block of vines, midslope on the rugged clay/limestone terraces, the best terroir of the Gigondas appellation. Everything about Domaine Raspail-Ay Gigondas is traditional, and besides a small amount of Rosé, only one wine is made that is consistently ranked among the top wines produced in the appellation year in and year out.

**Varieties:** 80% Grenache 20% Syrah & Mourvèdre

**Tasting notes:** Domaine Raspail-Ay produces classic Gigondas wines. Full-bodied, fruity, fine and well-balanced. Aromas of red fruits – raspberries and black cherries – with notes of black pepper, lead to more complex scents of licorice and herbs de Provence. Tannins are ripe, the wine fills the mouth with warm, generous flavors yet with an underlying structure that bodes well for future potential.

