

2007 Xavier Vins Gigondas
 A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from
 Gigondas, Southern Rhone, Rhone, France

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| Wine Advocate # 181 Feb 2009 | Robert Parker | (91-93) | Drink: 2009 - 2019 | \$35-\$38 (35) |

The 2007 Gigondas boasts a stunning blue/purple color in addition to a beautiful perfume of black raspberries, blueberries, spring flowers, and forest floor. It is reminiscent of a grand cru Burgundy from the Cote de Nuits. Medium to full-bodied, with superb purity, noticeable minerality, sweet tannin, adequate acidity, and a moderately long finish, it should drink nicely for a decade.

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The prodigious, full-bodied 2007 Vacqueyras boasts a deep ruby/plum/purple color along with dazzling levels of blackberry and kirsch fruit interwoven with notions of licorice, camphor, and scorched earth. It possesses remarkable intensity and purity as well as a skyscraper-like mouthfeel. Consume it over the next 10+ years.

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