

## Mas de Daumas Gassac Red 2016

IGP St-Guilhem-le-Désert



**First taster:** Simon Filed MW **Decanter**

**Note:** Squid-ink black, luminous and pure of hue; nose of blackberry, cassis, and summer flowers; palate has refined, lapidiary tannic backdrop, discretely persuasive, just a little raw at the moment. Black pepper at the back, confident grip, impressive length.

**Second taster:** Andrew Jefford **Decanter**

**Note:** Saturated dark black-red in color. Lifted, pure, fine-grained fruits; aerial, pristine, and alluring blackcurrants, damsons, plums, and elderberries. A very contemporary appeal: the vineyard first, with little winery artifact. Highly attractive. On the palate, this is intense, deep, serious, pure-fruited, and searching— magnificently fruity in itself, but (perhaps even more importantly) those fruits have a complexity and a grain to them that give this real fine-wine appeal. Licorice and other classic root-spices darken the finish to satisfying effect. This is a superb effort. **2018-27**

Score:

93

### MAS DE DAUMAS GASSAC

"The first "first-growth" estate of the Languedoc" (H.)

RED 2016

Cabernet Sauvignon 73%, Merlot 7%,  
Cabernet Franc 4%, Petit Verdot 4%, Malbec 3%,  
Pinot Noir 3%, Nebbiolo 3%, Dolcetto 3%

In 1971, the Guibert family founded the Mas de Daumas Gassac estate on an historical farm with a unique red glacial terroir contributing to its reputation as the "First growth of the Languedoc".

With 67 estate vineyards plots, farmed in total respect of Nature and surrounded by the Garrigue forest, nature's balance and life have been totally preserved in this magical valley.

This very elegant wine is best enjoyed for its complex fruit character in the first 5 years or from 7 to 25 years for its depth and complexity.

We recommend decanting for optimum enjoyment.

BOTTLED AT MAS DE DAUMAS GASSAC, ANIANE - FRANCE  
SAINT-GUILHEM-LE-DÉSERT CITÉ D'ANIANE  
Indication Géographique Protégée

13,5% vol. PRODUIT DE FRANCE - PRODUCE OF FRANCE  
CONTIENS SULFITES - SISALTÀ SULFETTES  
INNEHÅLLER SULFITER - CONTIENT DES SULFITES 750 ml

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**Third taster:** Jancis Robinson MW

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**Note:** A particularly lustrous crimson here. Sophisticated, well-integrated blend, with intriguing elements of fruit and minerals (nothing animal). Broad and well balanced with some dried-herb elements. This is a fine wine by any measure, even if there is a little heat on the end. I would be careful not to serve this too warm. A generous charge of tannin on the end suggests future potential.

**2018-30**

Score:

90