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2012 Domaine du Gour de Chaule Gigondas

A step up and a gorgeous tank sample, the 2012 Gigondas Tradition will spend a full 30 months in a combination of foudre and concrete tanks before bottling. Medium to full-bodied, rich and beautifully textured, it offers a slightly modern profile with hints of graphite, licorice, toasted spice and ripe, Grenache driven fruit on the nose. Surprisingly elegant and finesse driven, with fine tannin, this is a serious Gigondas that should age effortlessly for over a decade.

Covering 25 acres in Gigondas, Gour de Chaule has been run by Stephanie Fumoso since 2007, when she took over from her mother, Rolande Beaumet. These are two strong efforts that are worth checking out.

No known American Importer.

- Jeb Dunnuck (December, 2013)