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# Gigondas Les Espalines

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Rhone, France 

VINTAGE:	2005
COMPOSITION:	Greneche (65), Mourvedre (25), Syrah (10),
COOPERAGE:	Stainless Steel Tank (33), New Oak (33), one-year Oak (33)
ALCOHOL:	14.00%
VINE AGE:	50+ years
TYPE:	Red

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

Covered with layers of small white stones, these lovely hillside vineyards in Gigondas have an ancient history dating back to the Romans. The 2000 vintage is a very pretty wine loaded with black cherry and plum fruit with round, soft tannins and a long, sweet finish. The 2001 is denser, riper and fuller-bodied and will benefit from some bottle age. The 2003 vintage was exceptionally warm, and the wine exhibits incredible, exotic ripeness and slightly higher alcohol. The 2004 has tremendous ripeness and perfect balance.