DEPARTMENT 66 "D66" GRENACHE 2017

Côtes Catalanes IGP

Produced and bottled by Department 66 in Maury, France

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It was ten years ago that Dave Phinney first took friends up on their offer to visit Maury, France. Nestled in the Pyrénées-Orientales (France's department number 66), Maury is a historic agricultural village with an enduring legacy of growing grapes. Home to old-vine grenache, syrah, mourvedre and carignan, the region's warm climate is tempered by the blustery Tramontane wind that whips across the valley. Steep hillsides, black schist and red angile soils reveal striking shades of black, gray and orange, and conspire to make Maury one of the most compelling wine producing regions in Southern France.



Vineyards

Grapes are sourced from the winery's 300 estate-owned acres in the Côtes Catalanes growing region, a sub-appellation of the Roussillon. Vines range in age from 10 to 65+ years.

Winemaker Notes

Solid dark-ruby in color, the nose leaps from the glass with aromas of black fig, bitter chocolate, graphite and dried herbs. A big, dense entry leads through a seamless mid-palate showing classic old-vine grenache characteristics of damson plum, licorice and chocolate while maintaining a mineral spine. The finish is very long and satisfying with gentle, ripe tannins.

Maturation

30% new French oak for 18 months
Aged in the bottle for 5 months before release

Alcohol

15.2%

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