



## ETALAGE CARIGNAN VIEILLES VIGNES IGP RED

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Carignan is one of the most traditionally planted grape varieties of the Languedoc and from old vines such as these can produce some excellent wines of real quality and character. In French, the word "étalage" is a display, like those used in the traditional local village markets. Their colourful displays which sell fruit, vegetables or other artisanal products reflect the care and passion that went in to hand selecting and crafting these locally sourced wines from traditional varieties, such as

this superb old-vine Carignan.

The production area of the Pays d'Hérault is hugely influenced by the region's eponymous river "Hérault", which has its spring there at an altitude of 1400m. It shaped the impressive canyon "gorges de l'Hérault" where it streams over 148km to the sea. The region's diversity of soils originates from the granite earth deposited by the river onto the limestone plains. This combination of soils and climatic conditions is perfect for producing rich, concentrated, ripe grapes.

Although this wine is made with an old traditional grape variety, the winemaking process is done in a modern style. The grapes are destemmed and crushed before they are fermented at a controlled temperature of 25°C. The ageing process is carried out in tanks with enough French oak to add

complexity and roundness to the blend.

**Grape Varieties:** 100% old vine Carignan.

**Tasting Notes:** Rich flavours of cherry, raspberry and bramble fruit with some spicy, peppery notes and a sweet vanilla finish.

**Food Match:** Ideal with grilled vegetables, stuffed mushrooms and roast partridge.

**Ageing Potential:** Up to 2 years

**Sugar Level:** 9.5g/l

**Closure:** Screw Cap

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