

Languedoc

Château Rigaud, Rouge 2016

AOP Faugères, Languedoc-Roussillon, France



TERROIR

Soils mainly composed of black schists characterized by its capacity to retain large amounts of water (up to a third of its volume) and its heat-storing properties, absorbing heat during the day and releasing it at night.

WINEMAKING

Manual harvest in crates. The grapes are sorted. Traditional vinification with destemmed grapes. Punching of the cap twice daily. Vatting for 4 to 6 weeks.

AGEING

Aged for 12 months in half-muids for the Syrah and 12 months in concrete vats for the Grenache and the Mourvèdre.

VARIETALS

Syrah 40%, Grenache noir 30%, Mourvèdre 20%, Carignan 10%

14,5 % VOL.

Contains sulphites. Does not contain egg or egg products. Does not contain milk or milk-based products.

SERVING

T° of service: 16°C / 61°F.

AGEING POTENTIAL

5 to 10 years

TASTING

Sultry aromas of boysenberry and blueberry are framed with complex purple florals, sweet cured meat, vanilla bean and toasty oak. The palate is lush and mouthfilling, with gentle tannins and a beautiful minerality to the dark fruit core. Cocoa-dusted truffle flavors flood the long finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Syrah & Grenache is a quintessential red blend calling for red fleshed foods – from beef and lamb to tuna, goose and game, or else fattier cuts of pork. It is amazing with barbecue as a lot of people pick up cedar and wood smoke aromas in the wine that flatter any steak you toss on the barbecue.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

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"Another terrific value from this estate is the 2016 Faugères, which is 50% Syrah and the rest Grenache and Cinsault. Complex, medium-bodied, and incredibly floral, it has lots of leather, dried soil, and sweet red fruits on the nose. I'd be thrilled to drink a glass any time over the coming 3-4 years."

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