



Cuvées Rares

By Alice Lafon

BRUNOLAFON
wine selection

Cuvée Rare, Grenache | Carignan, Rouge, 2018

AOP Languedoc, Languedoc-Roussillon, France



The "Cuvée Rare" bottlings are Alice's selection of barrels and careful blending. Elegant yet generous, serious yet accessible these wines reflect Alice's own personality. Wines that break the ceiling of the Southern France in terms of quality and definition, closer perhaps what one would expect from wines made in the Rhône region. A fitting tribute to Alice and her fusion of Burgundian roots and Southern France upbringing.

PRESENTATION

Alice believes her wines should first express the utmost respect for the primary material ... site, soil and vines. Her grapes are produced from single or at the most two organic or converting to organic vineyard sites, where the grapes are hand-harvested from vineyards of her own or her close neighbors, with whom she shares the ethics or work well done.

TERROIR

Organically farmed old vines on Villafranchien soils.

WINEMAKING

Alice elemental wines eloquently express their place of origin through Alice and her father Bruno's simplistic minimal intervention practices with no additives apart from judicial SO₂, there is no sophisticated technology, just winemaking reflecting our respect for the purity of nature's gift. Aging in timeless practice, with concrete tanks or aged burgundy barrels allows our wines to reflect no artifice, just beautiful artisanal wines.

AGEING

9 months in Burgundy barrels.

VARIETALS

Grenache noir 70%, Carignan 30%

AGEING POTENTIAL

10 to 15 years

TASTING

This slightly hedonistic blend shows intense black fruit core of boysenberry while raspberry fruit preserves are spiked with spicy notes of garrigue, violet, pepper and crushed granite. Rich and thick on the palate, the creamy mouthfeel is balanced by soft ample tannins and a long, gripping finish.



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FOOD PAIRINGS

With its bold red fruit and earthy-meaty notes, this blend is ideal with richer poultry dishes (turkey, duck), roasted pork, or even a meaty beef brisket. The thing to keep in mind with this wine is to expand on its natural spice flavorings of cinnamon, cumin, 5-spice powder, star anise and dried herbs by also adding them to the dish.

Alice's notes: "A true Mediterranean wine showing developed aromatics, complex fruit expression and spice. On the palate, ample and redolent while keeping balance, there is much energy in this wine."



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