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D66

2009 Grenache

Vins de Pays des Cotes Catalanes

Produced and bottled by Dept. 66, Maury, France

Imported by Orin Swift DBA Refugee Wine

15.2% Alc./Vol.

80% Grenache, 12% Syrah, 8% Carignan

Aged in 100% French oak, 25% new, for 12 months

Bottle aged 10 months prior to release

D66 is the inaugural release from our new winery and vineyards in Maury, France. The small town of Maury is in the outer Roussillon very close to the Spanish border and nestled in the Pyrénées-Orientales. We own approximately 235 acres (93 ha.) of mostly Grenache vines with a little Syrah and Carignan. The majority of the vines were planted more than 60 years ago, with many of the vineyards being even older. The terrain is dominated by black schist with a couple small deposits of Granite and clay-limestone known locally as “argile-calcaire”. Schist is a crystalline rock based soil that retains heat well but is poor in organic nutrients and nitrogens. In other words, these vines really have to struggle. The result is a very dark, concentrated, and rich wine. We can't say enough about this town, its people and the vineyards. With the help of our General Manager Richard Case and Vineyard Manager/ Cellarmaster Bob Doyle, we hope to make a wine we can be proud of that showcases this amazing place.

Enjoy!

Dave S. Phinney

Tasting Notes:

The wine has a very dark, opaque red color with subtle aromas of toasted oak, ripe blueberry jam and dried rose petal. The entry is mouth coating and lush. Opulent plum and ultra ripe cherry are balanced with Asian spices and a bright vein of minerality and acidity that give great structure, weight and balance to the long finish. The tannin chains are long and will lend to ageability for 5 to 10 years.