



"D 66"

2010 Grenache

Vin de Pay des Cotes Catalanes

Produced and bottled by Dept. 66, Maury, France

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The 2010 vintage marks the second release of D66 from our winery and vineyards in Maury, France. Situated in the outer Roussillon against the backdrop of the Pyrénées-Orientales mountain range, old vine Grenache thrives along with some Syrah and Carignan. We own approximately 235 acres (93 ha.) which were planted more than 60 years ago. The terrain of the "Cotes Catalanes" is dominated by black schist, with small deposits of granite and limestone in red rocky soils known as angile. Similar to the nearby growing region of Priorat, Spain, schist is a crystalline rock based soil that retains heat well but is poor in organic nutrients and nitrogens. Apart from lowland scrub and sparse tree plantings, very little agriculture survives here. The intense heat from the daytime sun is reflected back to the gnarled, head trained vines at night, increasing ripeness while maintaining acidity. The result is a very dark, concentrated, and finesse driven wine that embodies this singular region and terroir. As we continue to acclimate ourselves in Maury, our respect and admiration for the town, vineyards and people grows. Special thanks are in order to our General Manager Richard Case and Vineyard Manager & Cellarmaster Bob Doyle who helped to contribute once again to this special project.

Winemaker's notes

A dark red almost opaque color to the wine coats the glass and drifts down the sides slowly after the swirl. Aromas of ripe crushed cherries intertwined with seasoned French oak dominate the nose and lead gently into an enormous entry. Ripe strawberries and bruised watermelon front the structured mid palate which bursts with bright acidity and subtle briar fruits. The finish is long, concentrated and lasting.

Blend

A blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Carignan

Maturation

30% new French Oak for 18 months

Bottle aged 5 months prior to release

Alc/Vol

15.2%