

DEPARTMENT 66 "D66" GRENACHE 2016

Côtes Catalanes IGP

Produced and bottled by Department 66 in Maury, France

Maury, France

It was ten years ago that Dave Phinney first took friends up on their offer to visit Maury, France. Nestled in the Pyrénées-Orientales (France's department number 66), Maury is a historic agricultural village with an enduring legacy of growing grapes. Home to old-vine grenache, syrah, mourvedre and carignan, the region's warm climate is tempered by the blustery Tramontane wind that whips across the valley. Steep hillsides, black schist and red angile soils reveal striking shades of black, gray and orange, and conspire to make Maury one of the most compelling wine producing regions in Southern France.

Vineyards

Grapes are sourced from the winery's 300 estate-owned acres in the Côtes Catalanes growing region, a sub-appellation of the Roussillon. Vines range in age from 10 to 65+ years.

Winemaker Notes

Dark and dense with a concentrated fragrance profile of silky ripe plum, cassis, candied violet, and wet schist, the 2016 proudly boasts a rich cardinal complexion in the glass. First impressions offer up supremely rich blue and black skinned fruit notes. Winding tightly around these elements are savory whispers of cardamom, sarsaparilla, molasses, dried quince, and the distinctive banner of French Catalonia minerality. Sappy tannins support the wine along with a fresh acidic lift.

Maturation

30% new French oak for 18 months
Aged in the bottle for 5 months before release

Alcohol

15.2%

