

# Now And Zin Wine

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## Get Your Wine Kicks With D66



Dave Phinney's [Department 66](#) Grenache hails from the Cotes Catalanes region in Languedoc-Roussillon, in southern France. The wine is made by Dave Phinney, who says he fell in love with the land around Maury on his first visit there. He boasts that the red soil is peppered with black schist, granite and limestone. He not only fell in love with the dirt, but also the people. So much so that he has a home there.

The vines used in sourcing grapes for this wine range from 10 to 65 years old. The blend of Grenache, Syrah and Carignan

was aged for a year and a half in French oak barrels, nearly a third of which were new. Another five months aging took place in the bottle. Alcohol is heavy at 15.2% abv and the wine sells for \$38.

This is a big, bold wine. On the nose, blackcurrant and blueberries take a lot of leather, tobacco, allspice and licorice along for the ride. The palate is rich with blackberries and plums, with savory aspects equally forceful. The tannins are somewhat stiff, but would be welcome with a big, fatty steak on the plate. A zippy acidity embraces the wine's minerality, providing a lip-smacking refreshment.

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