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Jean-Marie Rimbert, Carignator 3

Producer	Jean-Marie Rimbert
Vendor	Jenny & François Selections
Category	Wine - Still - Red
Grape variety	Carignan
Region	Languedoc-Roussillon, France
Appellation	Saint-Chinian
Feature	Organic
Alcohol by volume	13.0%

Product information

Age of Vines: 70 years (60%)
Yields: 25hl/ha
Pruning Method: Goblet and Royat
Soil: Schist.
(Converting to organic)

Vinification Method: Grapes are hand-harvested and fermented whole cluster. Only indigenous yeasts are used. The wine spends 6 months in old neutral barrels.

The Carignator parcel is a unique plot of land that undulates in several different directions. This makes the plot impossible to plow, thus it is teaming with wild grasses. In fact one worker once tried to use a tractor in the plot and was almost killed as the tractor began to topple over! When Jean-Marie acquired this plot, all his neighbors told him to rip up the vines and straighten them out, but Jean-Marie, recognizing the beauty and power of these incredibly old vines, was determined to make something of beauty from this parcel.

Producer information

Jean-Marie Rimbert, a native of Provence, arrived in the Languedoc nearly twenty-five years ago and managed the vineyards at Château de Flaugergues for five years until he saved up enough money to purchase his first parcels of gnarled ancient vine Carignan that had been nurtured in schist-laden soils for the better part of the last century. Today, Jean-Marie has 20 hectares spread amongst 40 diverse parcels each with different soil compositions and expositions. Berlou has the highest elevation in all of the St. Chinian AOC and is the only place in the region that possesses schist rich soils. From the beginning, his objective was to cultivate vineyards with the utmost respect for the environment and his wines reflect all of the natural beauty, depth and flavor originating from those vines. The wines Jean-Marie crafts are a passionate testament to this region’s multi-dimensionality and ever-expanding potential.