

LES DARONS

TECHNICAL NOTES

LES DARONS BY JEFF CARREL 2017

Grenache and Carignan have long been cultivated in Southern France and represent the “forefathers” of the Languedoc Appellation’s red wines. An homage showcasing these varietals, this wine was subsequently labeled “Les Darons”, the affectionate expression for “The Parents” in the Parisian suburbs where winemaker Jeff Carrel was born.

VINEYARDS

From 30+ year old Grenache, 50+ year old Carignan, and 20+ year old Syrah vines planted in the La Clape (56%), the Agly Valley (18%), Minervois (19%), Saint Chinian (7%). Clay/limestone for the Grenache; lacustre and shatter in Minervois; sand in La Clape.

APPELLATION

Languedoc AOP (Appellation d’Origine Protégée).

COMPOSITION

75% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 5% Carignan.

VITICULTURE

Sustainably grown from old-vines Grenache & Carignan (averaging 40+ years in age!) with a dollup of younger- vines Syrah. Yields of just 2.33 tons/acre for the Grenache and Carignan.

VINIFICATION

The Grenache and Carignan were vinified together (fully destemmed, extraction by pigeage) in concrete tanks. Pre-fermentation maceration for the Syrah (extraction by pigeage and pumpovers). Blended and aged in cement tanks on the fine lees. Unoaked, bottled in early summer.

ALCOHOL

13.5%

TASTING NOTES

An accessible wine with loads of character, “Les Darons” is packed with ripe, red and dark fruit aromas, with plenty of spice and a streak of underlying minerality.

SERVE WITH

Enjoy this classic, unoaked red with a wide range of everyday meals.

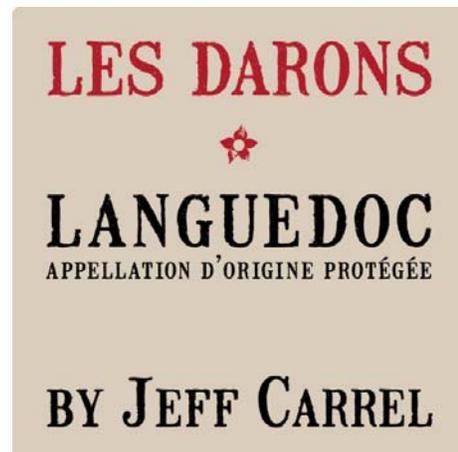
ACCOLADES

(91-93) pts, “Deep, full-bodied, beautifully concentrated, and long, it shows the purity and sexiness of the 2017 vintage and is going to be a killer value.” JebDunnuck.com, 6/18 (2017).

91 pts, “Juicy, forward, sexy and supple, with lots of sweet fruit, it stays elegant and silky on the palate... It’s a terrific value and will keep for 4-5 years.” – JebDunnuck.com, 9/17 (2016 vintage).

(91-93) pts, “If it came from a more prestigious appellation in the southern Rhone, it would go for three times the price. – JD, The Wine Advocate, 4/16 (2015 vintage).

(91-94) pts, “...A wine that blew me away....” – JD, The Wine Advocate, 4/15 (2014 vintage).



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GTIN-14 case 12x750ml 10097871013243

UPC bottle 1.5L 097871014953

GTIN-14 case 6x1.5L 30097871014954



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