

Lilac Wine

by Jeff Carrel

TECHNICAL NOTES

LILAC WINE 2016 BY JEFF CARREL

A brilliant Côtes du Roussillon Villages, "Lilac Wine" is one of the newest additions to Jeff Carrel's increasingly eclectic portfolio. Loaded with layers of dark berry fruit, the name of this inky, fragrant wine was inspired by the Nina Simone's rendition of this much-covered song.

VINEYARDS

From vineyards in Cases-de-Pene (Agly Valley, Roussillon). Soils are dominated by black marne, with outcrops of schist and clay/limestone.

APELLATION

AOP Côtes du Roussillon Villages.

COMPOSITION

45% Carignan, 30% Grenache, 25% Syrah.

VITICULTURE

Manual harvest. From 50+ year old Carignan vines and 20+ year old Syrah vines. Yields of 2.3 tons/acre.

VINIFICATION

The Carignan and Grenache were whole cluster fermented by carbonic maceration in 17 hl wooden tanks. They Syrah was crushed/destemmed in cement tanks and then added to the Carignan/Grenache in the wooden tank after completion of primary fermentation. Aged in 17 hl wooden tanks on the Carignan/Grenache marc. The free run juice was then separated and bottled a month later.

ALCOHOL

15%

TASTING NOTES

Offers both freshness and ripeness, with layers of dark berry fruit (plums, blackberry) and hints of violets and licorice. Smooth, soft, structured, and very polished on the palate, with a long, persistent finish.

SERVE WITH

A versatile food wine that will work splendidly with a wide range of meats (smoked duck breast, pepper-rubbed bison steak) and vegetarian fare (Eggplant and Tomato Confit, grilled maitake mushrooms brushed with garlic and olive oil).

ACCOLADES

91 pts, "Living up to its name, the 2016 Lilac Wine is floral and surprisingly delicate... It's a terrific bargain that should drink well for several more years." – JC, The Wine Advocate, 4/18 (2016 vintage).

92 pts, "Readers looking to experience the aromatic fireworks of a great Carignan should check out the 2015 Cotes du Roussillon Villages from Jeff Carrel. ...as silky and seamless as Carignan gets." – JebDunnuck.com, 9/17 (2015 vintage).

91 pts, "This is rock solid and a serious bottle of wine that delivers the goods." – JD, The Wine Advocate, 4/15 (2013 vintage).



UPC bottle 750 ml

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