

# DOMAINE CABIRAU

## TECHNICAL NOTES

### DOMAINE CABIRAU 2016 "SERGE & NICOLAS"

*After 27 years importing wine, HPS President Dan Kravitz took the plunge and purchased his own vineyard in Roussillon. Named Cabirau after the vineyard's original designation, the domaine is in the town of Maury, on a hillside below the ancient Cathar fortress of Queribus.*

**Named "SERGE & NICOLAS" after vigneron Serge Soulatge (who tends to Dan's vines) and winemaker Nicolas Burger of the VTV cooperative (of which Dan is now a full-fledged member!)**

#### VINEYARDS

Nearly 23 acres in total: 15.2 Grenache, 1.5 Syrah, 3.6 Carignan, 2.4 Macabeu. Vineyards are planted in the village of Maury in soils dominated by black schist. Parcels vary in age, and include about 13 acres of 25-30 year old vines, 2 acres of 40 year old vines, 4 acres of 65 year old vines and 3 acres of Carignan planted in 2009.

#### APPELLATION

AOP Maury Sec.

#### COMPOSITION

63% Grenache, 23% Carignan, 14% Syrah.

#### VITICULTURE

Manually harvested. From 60 year Grenache vines and a mix of old vines and newly planted Carignan and Syrah.

#### VINIFICATION

The Grenache was unoaked, the Syrah and Carignan underwent malolactic fermentation and 5 months maturation in 500 L demi-muids.

#### ALCOHOL

14.5%

#### TASTING NOTES

The softness of Grenache is balanced by the mineral backbone extracted from the schistous soils. The Syrah and Carignan add pronounced spicy and peppery components. Intense yet subtle...

#### SERVE WITH

Enjoy the richest and most intricate of meals.

#### ACCOLADES

**93 pts** – JebDunnuck.com, 9/17 (2016).

**(91-93) pts** – JD, The Wine Advocate, 4/17 (2016).

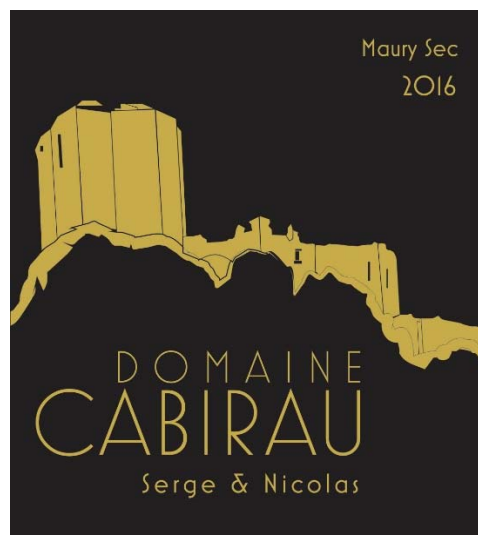
**94 pts** – JD, The Wine Advocate, 4/17 (2015).

**93 pts, "Year's Best Languedoc-Roussillon", "Best Buy"** – Wine & Spirits Magazine, 6/16 (2014).

**93 pts** – JD, The Wine Advocate, 4/17 (2013).

**91 pts** – JD, The Wine Advocate, 4/15 (2012).

**95 pts** – RP, The Wine Advocate, 6/14 (2011).



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