

LES DARONS

TECHNICAL NOTES

LES DARONS BY JEFF CARREL 2018

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 (44%), the Agly Valley (6%), Minervois (8%), Saint Chinian (10%) and Taileran (32%). Clay/limestone for the Grenache; lacustre and shatter in Minervois; sand in La Clape, clay/limestone in Taileran.

APPELLATION

Languedoc AOP (Appellation d’Origine Protégée).

COMPOSITION

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

VITICULTURE

Sustainably grown from. Yields of 2.33 to 3 tons/acre.

WINEMAKING

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.

ALCOHOL

14.5%

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

(90-92) pts, “This elegant, beautifully perfumed red has sweet cherry and black raspberry fruits intermixed with ample spice, candied violets, and ground pepper. It’s elegant, silky and

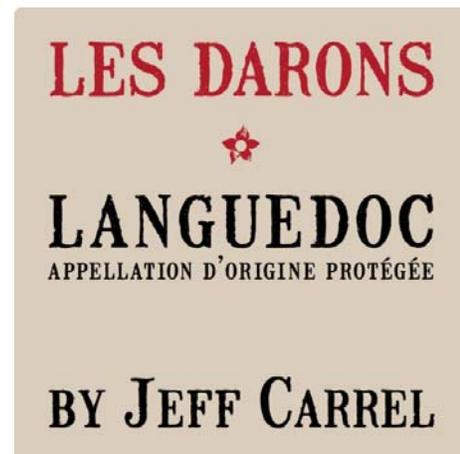
seamless on the palate, with beautiful purity and an upfront, charming style.” – JD, JebDunnuck.com, 9/19 (2018 vintage).

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

91 pts, “Juicy, forward, sexy and supple...it stays elegant and silky on the palate... It’s a terrific value and will keep for 4-5 years.” – JD, 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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