

## LES DARONS BY JEFF CARREL 2020

*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 grown in La Clape (42%), the Haut Corbières (41%), and Roussillon (17%).

Clay/limestone soils with some lacustre, éclat, gypsum and sand.

**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**

**89-91 pts**, "...offers up penetrating raspberry and cherry aromas. It's plump and creamy in texture, medium to full-bodied, supple and easy to drink. It should prove to be another fine value." – JC, The Wine Advocate, 6/20 (2019 vintage).

**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,

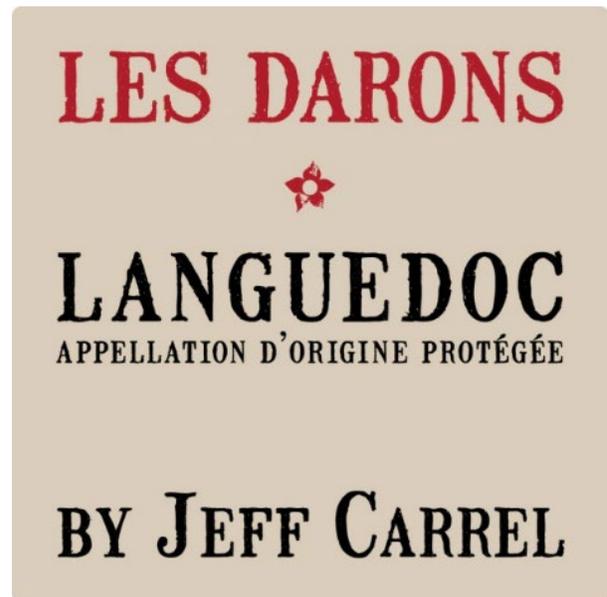
JebDunnuck.com, 9/19 (2018 vintage).

**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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