

ALCHEMY

100 YEAR OLD VINE CARIGNAN – 2018



Wine maker ~ Boris Kovac

The old vine series is a collaboration between Boris Kovac and Alchemy Wines. David Rowledge of Alchemy has been blending and creating wines with Boris for nearly 20 years.

Grape Varietals

100% Carignan

Production area

Vin de Pays d'Oc-
Indication Géographique Protégée

Alcohol Level

14%

Ageing & Storage

Drinking well now and over the next
3 to 4 years.

Tasting Note

The 2018 is sourced from a very special parcel of over 100-year-old vines in Nezingnan l'Eveque (east of Beziers) this "Old Vines Series" release Carignan is a real treat! Large pudding stones cover the vineyard floor; gently warming the fruit, ensuring full ripeness and flavours. A combination of handpicking, extremely low yields, minimal traditional winemaking techniques and time in a combination of America and French oak produces this wine of fantastic concentration.

Great deep black royal purple colour, fresh nose of black currants, with thyme and mint notes, intense dark red and black fruits and dark chocolate and treacle toffee on the palate, very focussed, backed by a strong backbone of rich tannins and a long, peppery and savoury finish lasting 30+ seconds

Food Paring Suggestions - Pate, Steaks, Roast Lamb, Game, Lamb curry, Wintery stews and casseroles.

This really envelops the Alchemy story

Pallet Configuration

70 Cases per pallet, 5 layers of 14 cases. L 335 x W 255 x H 309mm

Case weight 17kg.

What our experts are saying

~ Alun Griffiths MW ~

“Dark red-black colour. Attractive bouquet of black fruits, ripe but not overpowering. Solid core of fruit on the palate, nicely textured with low acidity and moderate but ripe tannins. Old vines bring excellent concentration, and the wine finishes smooth and long with just a hint of garrigue. Very satisfying and a fine food wine”

~ Anne McHale MW~

“Licorice and dark red cherries on the nose, lovely graphitey earthy quality too. More licorice on palate and a delightful chewy tarriness of tannins (in a good way) backing delicious ripe dark cherry fruit and a decent finish. Great concentration and density for the price”

~ Simon Field MW~

“A standout wine in every sense; outstanding through debt to low yield purity, rigorous tannin management and a patina of unassailable pedigree. Dense, with aromatics focused on dried fruit and licorice, any intimations of austerity immediately dashed on the palate, which is broad, rounded and unnervingly complex”

~ Demetri Walters MW ~

“A deep, brooding ruby-red wine that introduces itself slowly but surely. The bouquet is a wonderful unfolding of blackberry and wild herbs. But it’s on the palate that the complexity mounts, with bitter black cherry, olive tapenade and seaweed notes. Grippy tannins texture the mouthfeel, whilst cleansing freshness holds the whole performance together. A rewardingly savoury wine with notable elegance and weight”