

2016 DOMAINE DE NIZAS

LE CARIGNAN VIEILLES VIGNES IGP

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WINEMAKER: Nathalie Arnaud-Bernard
REGION: Languedoc, France
VARIETALS: Carignan
MATURATION: Aged on fine lees for 12 months
ANALYSIS: 14.0 % alc/vol | pH: 3.49

VINEYARD: Surrounded by Garrigue (the local countryside's abundant wild herbs) the vineyard is a unique mosaic of three deep, well-draining soil types. River pebbles (Villafranchian) impart freshness and fine tannins while limestone creates powerful wines with red fruit aromas. Basalt soils are also present and result in wines with complex aromas and elegant structure. Ever mindful of the importance of having a long-term view, Domaine de Nizas' vineyard has been certified sustainable since 2007.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were hand-picked at night from 50+ year-old Carignan vines and immediately transported to the winery. 50% of the fruit was de-stemmed and fermented in open stainless steel tanks. The remaining 50% underwent a carbonic (whole berry) fermentation. After both lots had completed primary and malolactic fermentation they were blended together and aged for 12 months on fine lees prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES: The Domaine de Nizas 2016 Le Carignan has a bold Mediterranean personality and notes of red-fruit, spice and wild herbs. With intense aromas and a balanced structure, this rich, smooth wine pairs particularly well with spicy and savory dishes.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet reviewed. 2015 vintage: 89 pts Wine Spectator, 89 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate

ABOUT DOMAINE DE NIZAS: Located near the medieval village of Pézenas in the heart of the Languedoc region, Domaine de Nizas was created in 1998, by John Goelet, an American descendant of a family of Bordeaux wine merchants. He then gave Bernard Portet, of Clos du Val fame, the mission of selecting the most promising terroirs around Pézenas (and the world) to establish the Estate. Portet acquired individual plots that represented three different soil types ultimately creating a rich and diverse source of grapes for crafting artisanal wines of extraordinary quality and depth.

