

KARANTES GRAND VIN

2020

AOP La Clape

Spirit of the place



Winegrower's note

Château des Karantes is an outstanding vineyard located at the heart of a small valley, surrounded by the rocky cliffs of the natural park of La Clape. The name "Karantes" was inherited from the first owner, former bishop of Carcassonne. The estate overlooks the Mediterranean sea and offers an astonishing scenic view of the coast and the inland with garrigue and pine forest all around. The climate is exceptional: sunshine heat stored up during the day by the limestone and then released to the grapes at night. Reduction of the summer heat thanks to the Mediterranean sea. The vineyard is cultivated using biodynamic methods.



Winemaker's note

The harvest is triggered after regular ripeness monitoring and tasting of the grapes. Picking grapes with ripe tannins is the key to reach the highest quality. The grapes are handpicked and sorted in the vineyard and when they arrive at the winery. Each grape variety is vinified separately: the Carignan and part of the Syrah are vinified using the maceration in whole bunches while the Mourvèdre and the Grenache using a traditional maceration. As winter ends, the varieties are blended and most of the wine is transferred and left to age for 12 months in French oak barrels. The rest of the wine is left to age in vats in order to bring freshness to the final blend, right before the bottling.



Tasting notes

Shiny ruby red colour. The intense nose is dominated by aromas of black cherries and blackcurrants, floral notes of violets and sweet spices. The round mouth reveals silky and fine tannins underlining notes of liquorice, gingerbread and concentrated fruit revealed on the nose. The slightly salty finish is characteristic of La Clape wines.

Serve at 17°C with grilled meats or mature cheeses.

<https://en.gerard-bertrand.com/products/chateau-des-karantes-grand-vin-rouge-2017>



Grape varieties

Syrah, Grenache Noir, Mourvèdre



Château des Karantes

Narbonne



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