



DOMAINE CLAVEL

« Les Garrigues »

AOP LANGUEDOC - LA MÉJANELLE

ORIGIN

Languedoc, France

APPELLATION

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VINEYARD

Limestone, gravel, and deep red clay soils

BLEND

55% Syrah
20% Grenache
25% Carignan

FARMING

100% Organic
Hand-harvested grapes are separated by plots

WINEMAKING

3-4-week maceration

AGING

12-14 months in concrete tanks on fine lees

ALCOHOL CONTENT

13.5%

Domaine Clavel's AOP Languedoc 'Les Garrigues', is encapsulated in a garnet robe. The nose is full of ripe, dark fruits and sweet spices mixed with the aromas of rich, wild garrigue herbs. The palate has a sharp attack that is countered by well balanced, and delicate tannins. It is full of fruits and savory spices such as cinnamon and clove with a bright and lasting finish.

The vineyard is full of crushed limestone with a few meters of deep red clay. The climate is dominated by a strong sunlight that is balanced out by the Mistral wind that comes off of the Mediterranean Sea. The deep roots limits the water stress on the vine which allows for the vines to thrive in this dry, hot climate, which also limits the development of diseases.

The grapes are entirely destemmed, crushed, and the vinified separately in concrete tanks. Maceration lasts between 3-4 weeks and is followed by 12-14 months of aging in temperature controlled concrete tanks.

There is no name more closely associated with the Côteaux de Languedoc region than that of Clavel, for it was the brilliant wine historian Jean Clavel who founded the Côteaux de Languedoc appellation in 1985. Jean's son, Pierre Clavel, along with his wife Estelle and their two sons, now run the Domaine Clavel. The family owns 82 acres stretching across four sub-regions of the Côteaux de Languedoc: La Méjanelle, Saint Christol, Pic Saint Loup, and Grés de Montpellier.

ACCOLADES FOR 2016

Jeb Dunnuck – 91 Points

"Tasted out of bottle, the 2016 Languedoc Garrigues (Syrah, Grenache, and Mourvèdre brought up in concrete) is always a good value, and the 2016 is no exception. Black cherries, garrigue, orange blossom and spice all give way to a full-bodied, ripe, beautifully textured, balanced red that's just loaded with fruit and texture, yet never comes across as heavy." -J.D.

