

Ch. de Fontarèche 2016 Corbières Vieilles Vignes

WineWise Code	FCF-CVV16
Country	France
Region	Languedoc-Roussillon
Subregion	Aude
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	14
Acidity	3
Residual Sugar	0
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	5000 cases
Varieties	40% Carignan, 30% Syrah, 20% Mourvèdre, 10% Grenache
Pumpover or Punchdown?	Pumpover
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation vessel	Concrete
Fermentation duration	12 days
Aging method	Concrete 100%
Aging duration (months)	6 months
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	Gelatine
Yeast	Cultured
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 80mg/L
Soil Type(s)	Gravel
Elevation (meters)	20
Vineyard Aspect	South
Vine age (years)	30
Vine Yields hl/ha	45
Farming practices	Sustainable
Vine Training Notes	Cordon double 4 years training
Grape Picking	Machine

Notes from the producer:

Very few white Corbières on the market. Important proportion Carignan : Vatting in whole bunches, vinification - carbonic maceration. Fermentation in CO2 saturated atmosphere with static vatting time of 9 days. Desired temperature of 30°C at fermenting starter. Pressing and blending run and press. Malolactic fermentation. Syrah, Mourvèdre: De-stemming of the harvest, then careful crushing. Alcoholic fermentation at a temperature of 28°C for 14 days. "Cap" work, with pumping-over and releases. De-vatting, pressing, separating pressing juices. Malolactic fermentation.



WineWise Notes:

For a small premium, we offer you this full-flavoured but supple wine that benefited from the favorable climatic conditions in 2016. A classic blend of Carignan (40%), Syrah (30%), Mourvèdre (20%) and Grenache (10%), it exemplifies the generous qualities that make the Languedoc, at its best, an incomparable source for interesting wines at challengingly low prices.

We have had our eyes on this ancient estate for several years now, and could resist its allure no longer after tasting this impressive collection of wines from 2016. With a history dating back to the tenth century, the current domaine consists of 200 hectares that encircle a fortress constructed in the 12th century. It has been in the ownership of the Comte de Lamy's family for nine generations, but there is nothing remotely antique about the methods they now employ. The 145 hectares planted to vine lie equally in Corbière's appellation and the surrounding IGP's. The multiplicity of terroirs in this expansive terrain enables them to grow no fewer than 17 different varieties, including some interlopers. We, of course, have chosen to select an introductory range derived exclusively from autochthonous varieties. You will be impressed.