

CHÂTEAU DE NAGES - VIEILLES VIGNES – RED – 2014



Face to the Mistral, this impetuous terroir gives naturally powerful wines of beautiful density. Our family works this land to privilege its wines' freshness and balance its spontaneous richness.

With a cool early summer followed by a beautiful back season, this vintage offers expansive wines with a focus on the freshness and balance. The generosity of the grenache finds a particularly fresh balance in this vintage.

Terroir: « Grès », rolled pebbles from the Rhône over iron-rich red clay rich. AOC Costières de Nîmes

Varietals : 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Carignan

Vineyards and winery work :

- certified organic farming with particular attention to soil health
- vineyard floor management with resident vegetation and cover crops
- manual targeted deleafing to enhance the health of the grape clusters
- at veraison, manual pass to remove lateral shoots and “grapillons” (2nd generation grape clusters)
- manual harvest with sorting
- 1/3 whole cluster and 2/3 whole berries without adding SO2
- cold pre-fermentation maceration for 5 days
- fermentation with native yeasts at 24°C and a warm maceration (28°C) for 20 days
- aging in French oak of 1/4 of the volume and in cement tank for the rest for 12 months
- blending and bottling without filtration in the spring (deposits probable)

Tasting notes :

- *Appearance* : dense ruby black color
- *Nose* : very lavish with a complex array of ripe red berries (raspberry, cherry), pepper, oriental spices and aromatic herbs (garrigue, menthol)
- *Taste* : rich and balanced with a fine tannic grain, it reveals spices, licorice and minerality in a long elegant finish

Accolades :

90 pts – Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate
 Selection – RVF Millésime 2014

Aging potential : enjoy now or cellar for 5 to 8 years.

Food & wine pairing : Serve at 60°F (16°C). Feel free to decant one hour before serving

cheeses	meats	garden	herbs	method	sauces	desserts
cheddar	lamb	mushrooms	thyme	stew	red fruit	chocolate
ewe’s	beef	lentils	mint	roast	wine	
munster	game	red peppers	rosemary	grill	tomato	

