

DOMAINE DE  
**CABROL**

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## *FICHE DE DÉGUSTATION*

# CUVÉE VENT D'EST





## VENT D'EST

### **The Domaine de Cabrol estate**

Lost in the wilderness, the vines of Domaine de Cabrol are grown on natural clay-limestone hillsides and terraces on the southern slopes of the Montagne Noire in the Languedoc region, at an altitude of 300 metres.

Domaine de Cabrol has been in the family for three generations. It covers 120 hectares of garrigue, holm oak, pine and olive trees, with just 21 hectares of vines scattered throughout. The vines are grown using sustainable methods, yields are low (20 to 30 hectolitres per hectare) and the grapes are harvested by hand, mainly whole bunches.

Based on simple, respectful gravity-fed methods, with long, controlled macerations and no wood ageing, the work in the cellar is at the service of the terroir. Through their aromas, structure, vigour and freshness, all the cuvées seek the clear expression of the estate's exceptional terroir, at altitude in the west of the Languedoc.

### **Vent d'Est**

Vent d'Est comes from parcels of old Syrah and Cabernet Franc facing east. Its originality is expressed by aromas of pepper, red fruit, olive, licorice and truffle, and on the palate, by a tension between velvety structure and intense freshness. A singular experience! This cuvée, created in 1995, is renowned by tasters for its unique aromatic profile and great consistency across vintages. Excellent from 3 years. Recommended aging 8-15 years.

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### **Le Terroir**

Vent d'Est is made from the plots of land known as "La Vigne Longue", "La Plage", "La Capitelle" and "l'Amphithéâtre". "La Vigne Longue" is a magnificent narrow terrace over 800 metres long, protected from the heat by its depth and its easterly aspect. Planted with old Syrah grapes, this parcel is emblematic of the Vent d'Est cuvée. It brings both great freshness and the lovely aromas of garrigue, red fruit, olive and truffle that are the hallmark of this emblematic cuvée. "La Plage" is the bow of the estate, overlooking Carcassonne and the Aude valley. Paradoxically, this hillside is called "La Plage" because of its sandy top and the presence of large fossils. It is the old Syrahs from this parcel that are blended in Vent d'Est. The "La Capitelle" parcel is so named because its soil is sometimes completely covered with limestone, particularly on the part planted with Syrah, which is partially used for the Vent d'Est, which protects the soil from evaporation during hot weather and produces tight, fine tannins. "L'Amphithéâtre" is a small plot planted in an arc, just in front of the estate's buildings.

### **Food and wine pairing**

Perfect with spicy dishes and meats, and ideal with mashed potatoes with black truffles.

### **First vintage**

1995

### **Available vintages**

2019

### **Volume per bottle**

750ml or 1500ml

### **Aging**

Excellent from 3 years. Recommended aging 8-15 years.

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### La presse en parle (échantillon)

#### Languedoc-Roussillon 2023 Special Report, Matthew Stubbs - Tim Atkins

**Vent d'Est 2019 (95/100)** Cabardès. Syrah 60%, Cabernet Franc 40% (14%) A different style to the Vent d'Ouest, some blackcurrant and bramble from the Cabernet Franc but it is the Syrah that ultimately dominates. Perfumed, with dark plum, tapenade, and a garrigue-scented finish of rosemary, lavender and thyme. Very fine tannins, high acid and a long chalky finish. Owner Nicolas Carayol, when asked to sum up what his wines are all about, said 'energy'. This wine has it in spades. How he manages to combine his job as Professor of Economics at Bordeaux University and still make wines as good as this I'll never know. 2024-2040

#### Languedoc-Roussillon 2023 Special Report, Matthew Stubbs - Tim Atkins

**Vent d'Est 2017 (95/100)** Cabardès (14%) Nicolas pulled out this wine just to show how it ages compared to the 2019. Certainly more notes of mushroom, truffle and leather, but still with breathtaking black fruit precision, and the permanent marker of wild herbs from the ubiquitous garrigue. Lovely weight, delicacy combined with power and a fine streak of minerality from the crushed limestone soils. Slightly lighter than 2019, harvest finished in late October yet no less complex. A true mountain wine with added freshness from the multiple breezes in this windswept location. 2023-2035

#### Guide de la Revue du Vin de France, 2024

**Vent d'Est 2019 (92/100)** Notes of tapenade and pepper for Vent d'Est, the hallmarks of a fresh, floral Syrah. The 2019 is a complex, smooth wine.

#### Guide de la Revue du Vin de France, 2023

**Vent d'Est 2018 (91/100)** Vent d'Est is already open, with notes of tapenade, pepper and wild blackberry, a velvety structure and a lovely freshness.

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### Guide de la Revue du Vin de France, 2021

**Vent d'Est 2017 (15/20)** Marked by Syrah, Vent d'Est is spicy with notes of violets. The wine is still dense on the palate, which shows that it will need a year of bottle ageing to develop its patina.

### Guide Hachette des Vins, 2021

**Vent d'Est 2017 (\*\*)** The very dark, concentrated colour heralds an intense, resolutely Mediterranean nose of very ripe red fruit, garrigue and spices. This profile is confirmed by a powerful, fresh and greedy attack on the palate, which tightens under the effect of the imposing tannins, before a long, relaxed finish of ripe fruit. A fine, solid constitution that invites patience.

### Magazine « Terre de Vins », 2021

**Vent d'Est 2017 (18/20 « coup de cœur »)**: The bouquet of blackberries, bilberries, fresh truffles and Tonka beans is totally addictive. The velvety colour is already appealing, with Syrah and Cabernet-Franc competing in concentration, but the balance is majestic. You discover it after the frank, almost crunchy attack, followed by a fresh palate, evoking citrus zest and freshly ground pepper. Full-bodied, caressing, bursting with flavour, we recommend decanting, but even without decanting it reveals itself to be exuberant. The estate, on the southern slopes of the Montagne Noire, the flagship of the appellation, lives up to its reputation: a great wine that is a pleasure to drink! (dishes) Truffade and many other possibilities.

### Magazine « Terre de Vins », Janvier 2020

**VENT D'EST (15/20)** This lovely wine is made from 60% Syrah and 40% Cabernet Franc. The Syrah is vinified in carbonic maceration, which gives its fruit a particularly luscious expression of blackberry and bilberry jelly and particularly soft, mellow tannins. Serve with skewers of duck heart.

### Guide de la Revue du Vin de France, 2020

**Vent d'Est 2016 (15/20)** Marked by dense, floral and spicy Syrah, Vent d'Est is still massive on the palate, with a long finish that promises many years in bottle!

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### Guide Hachette des Vins, 2020

**Vent d'Est 2016 (\*\*)** This predominantly Syrah cuvée (from the East) has a very Languedoc nose of garrigue and over-ripe black fruit, with a refreshing hint of herbs. Tapenade and spices stretch out this palette in a sunny, full-bodied mouth, underpinned by perfectly ripe tannins. A very fine expression of Cabardès in an oriental version.

### Guide Hachette des Vins, 2017

**Vent d'Est 2015 (15,5/20)** This bursting fruit, still dominated by Syrah, impresses with its vigour and concentration of dry extract, which does not hinder the emerging aromatic exuberance.

### Guide Hachette des Vins, 2013

**Vent d'Est 2010 (15,5/20)** The Vent d'Est cuvée, a reflection of a high-altitude terroir where the winemaker knows how to pick the grapes - by hand - at optimum ripeness, has earned him a ninth "Coup de Coeur" award. The Syrah grape, very present in this wine, is vinified by carbonic maceration. The colour is very deep and still young, with hints of violet. Intense aromas emerge from the glass, becoming darker and darker: red fruit, then blackcurrant, violet and liquorice. The same complexity characterises the palate, whose other assets are its fullness, its lovely grain of tannin and its long liquorice finish. This bottle would go well with a lamb tagine.

### Guide Bettane et Dessauve, 2013

**Vent d'Est 2015 (15,5/20)** While the Vent d'Est cuvée is a regular standout, the 2010 vintage is breathtaking!

### Guide Hachette des Vins, 2004

**Vent d'Est 2001 (\*\*\*)** Once again, I've fallen in love with this high-altitude vineyard, where ripeness has to be waited for. It's a big risk to take, but the result is remarkable: an astonishing wine with an intense nose of over-ripe fruit and kirsch, particularly flattering. Generous on the palate, unctuous and very elegant, it offers superb balance with silky tannins.