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FICHE DE DÉGUSTATION

CUVÉE VENT D'OUEST





VENT D'OUEST

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'Ouest

Cuvée Vent d'Ouest has the energy and density of our high-altitude Cabernet Sauvignons. It's a dense wine with fine tannins and generous red fruit aromas. It is classic, with a tight grain and black cherry flavors. It's also natural, with wild blackberry and garrigue aromas. And great cellaring potential.

Vines

Cabernet Sauvignon (60%), Grenache (40%)

Vinification

Destemmed harvest, gentle maceration for 15 to 20 days and storage in concrete vats.

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The parcels

Vent d'Ouest is made from the 'La Grande Vigne' and 'La Prade' plots. The "La Grande Vigne" parcel is planted mainly with Cabernet Sauvignon, on an incline. It has deep soils and borders the forest. La Prade" is a small parcel of very old Grenache vines, nestling on a hillside in the estate's inner valley, alongside rows of olive trees.

Food and wine pairing

Dense and very ripe, Vent d'Ouest calls for a piece of beef. It is also perfect with a leg of lamb or a cassoulet.

First vintage

1995

Available vintages

2019

Volume per bottle

750ml or 1500ml

Aging

Excellent from 4 years of age. Recommended aging 8-15 years.



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La presse en parle (échantillon)

Guide de la Revue du Vin de France, 2025

Vent d'Ouest 2019 (92/100) The nature of the Cabardès can be tamed, and it's important to know how to play on the complementarity of oceanic and southern grapes. The domaine succeeds marvelously when parcels from both sides of the valley are vinified together. In Vent d'Ouest, the generosity of Grenache and the authority of the Cabernet Sauvignon create a wine that is both authoritative and graceful.

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

Vent d'Ouest 2018 (93/100) Cabardès. Cabernet Sauvignon 60%, Grenache 40% (14%) The cuvée with its head turned more to the Atlantic, hence the higher proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon. Definitely more cassis and plum notes with tight, fine tannins and big acidity. Although it starts more like a red Bordeaux, the herbal rosemary and thyme finish is definitely more Mediterranean. It concludes with a chalky flourish. No oak, aged in concrete. 2023-2033

Guide Hachette des Vins, 2021

Vent d'Ouest 2017 ()** The very dark, concentrated colour heralds an intense, resolutely Mediterranean nose of very ripe red fruit, garrique 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.

Guide de la Revue du Vin de France, 2021

Vent d'Ouest 2018 (89/100) Vent d'Ouest has a classic personality, dense and fragrant, with a fresh finish.



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Guide de la Revue du Vin de France, 2020

Vent d'Ouest 2015 (14,5/20) Vent d'Ouest invites us into the undergrowth with a clear expression of Cabernet.

Guide de la Revue du Vin de France, 2019

Vent d'Ouest 2012 (15/20) Vent d'Ouest is compact, with the ripe fruit of the Grenache blending beautifully with the freshness of the Cabernet Sauvignon.

Guide de la Revue du Vin de France, 2018

Vent d'Ouest 2010 (16/20) The aromatic expression has become more pronounced with age. It is quite simply memorable: clay, tapenade, black truffle... This organic, flavoursome profile is repeated on the palate. Full of health and character, this wine, dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon, is already a pleasure to drink and will keep for a long time.

Guide Hachette des Vins, 2015

Vent d'Ouest 2011 ()** Reflecting the slow ripening of the Cabernet Sauvignon at altitude, this wine is seductive for its powerful aromas, both on the nose and on the palate. Aromas of prune, blackcurrant and almond precede a superb palate, underpinned by silky, well blended tannins. A wine that is both elegant and generous.

Guide de la Revue du Vin de France, 2013

Vent d'Ouest 2011 (15,5) Vent d'Ouest was a great success in 2008, with its fresh, finely candied flavours and a hint of cocoa on the finish.