

Boulevard Napoléon,
`L'Angely` Carignan VdP de l'Hérault 2019
Minervois, Languedoc, France



Grape Varieties	100% Carignan
Winemaker	Benjamin Darnault
Closure	Agglomerated Cork
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	1.6g/L
Acidity	4.5g/L
Wine pH	3.67
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Named after the street the winery is located on in the village of La Livinière, Minervois, Boulevard Napoléon is the partnership between restaurant owner Trevor Gulliver and winemaker Benjamin Darnault. Seeing the potential in the vineyards located by his holiday home, Trevor started making the wines and then showed them to his other partner, chef Fergus Henderson, who was more than impressed, as were we! Each wine is a classic expression of the varietal grown on the dry, stony slopes of the south of France - yet they retain a vibrancy and definition that marks them out from the crowd.

VINEYARDS

The Carignan is sourced from a vineyard situated on stony terraces in the high hills of La Livinière, in the Minervois region. Here, soils are predominantly schist and gravel and the vines are on average 65 years old, producing low yields of fruit packed full of flavour.

VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage will be remembered for the consistent warm temperatures. A rainy autumn and winter replenished soil water reserves and sustained the vines through the growing season. The spring months were warm and dry, providing a fast fruit set in May and an even veraison. This warm weather continued throughout the summer months and into the harvest, allowing the grapes to reach optimal maturity and balance.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand harvested into small crates and were sorted upon arrival at the winery and then partially destemmed. Fermentation took place in small stainless-steel tanks with gentle extraction techniques. Following fermentation, the majority of the wine (60%) was aged in stainless steel tanks while the remaining 40% was aged in a combination of first and second use 225-litre French oak barriques.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is deep ruby in colour, with ripe fruits and black olive tapenade notes on the nose. The palate is lifted with juicy berries, a supple texture and a long and lingering finish.