



# CAMILLE CAYRAN

## « Le Chêne Noire » 2018

### AOC CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES

Camille Cayran's 'Le Chêne Noire' AOC Côtes du Rhône Villages is a wonderful blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Carignan. The sun-drenched rocky soils, allows each varietal to develop a concentration of flavors. This, in turn, results in a wine with lovely expression. The Grenache brings supple fruit sophistication that is counter balanced by the Syrah's rich and powerful abilities. Finally, the Carignan explodes with notes of black pepper and rich cherry, bringing warmth to the wine.

#### ORIGIN

Rhône Valley, France

#### APPELLATION

AOC Côtes du Rhône Villages

#### VINEYARD

Vines are planted on gentle slopes of stony, chalky-clay soil, with excellent sun exposure

#### BLEND

50% Grenache  
30% Syrah  
20% Carignan

#### FARMING

Grapes are hand harvested at the latest date possible

#### WINEMAKING

70% of grapes are destemmed and undergo traditional vinification  
Maceration lasts +/- 5-7 days

#### AGING

Aged +/- 3 years in the cellar

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.5% Alc. |

2018's Rhône Valley season began with rains that rejuvenated the vineyards after the long drought from the previous vintage. It triumphed through a wetter June, which led to an incredibly successful harvest.

The vineyard consists mainly of old vineyards planted in and around Cairanne where the sun exposure is exquisite. The gentle slopes of the hillside plots supply the vines, half of which are over 40-years old, with excellent natural drainage. Denis Crespo, chief winemaker for Cave de Cairanne, carefully supervises the vines all year round. The grapes are hand-harvested as late as possible to maximize ripeness. The vines are carefully supervised all year round and the grapes are hand-harvested as late as possible to maximize ripeness. The varietals are fermented separately and maceration lasts +/- 5-7 days to preserve the tannins' finesse.

In 1929, three passionate winemakers, one of which was Monsieur Camille Cayran, used the philosophy 'quality over quantity' to create the Côtes du Rhône Villages – Cairanne appellation. Almost 40 years later, this appellation was made official. Since then, CAVE DE CAIRENNE has continuously built its reputation and recognition through its exceptional winemaking and pioneering philosophy.

#### ACCOLADES

2018 - International Wine Report – 92 points

2018 - Decanter Magazine – 90 points

*"The 2018 'Le Chêne Noir' Côtes du Rhône Villages from Camille Cayran opens to aromas of ripe black raspberries and dark plums, followed by crushed violets, spices, white pepper and dark chocolate nuances which all begin to take shape as it unwinds in the glass. This possesses a remarkable round, polished texture that ends with a velvety finish that lingers. This is an absolutely delicious Côtes du Rhône Villages that is drinking beautifully in its youth and should continue to impress as it evolves in bottle over the next few years."* -I.W.R.

