



The Daily Drinker

wines for the inquisitive palate

2015 Carignan Vieilles Vignes L'Ostal del Souquet , Celliers Jean d'Alibert

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Wine Variety: Good and bad here. Can be something of a dog, to grow as well as to drink. Carignan's origins lie in northern Spain, where it is called Mazuelo. From there it moved energetically into southern France where plantings as recently as the late noughties outstripped those of Spain by as much as nine times. Carignan suffers from all sorts of fungal diseases and ripens late, ergo damp, cool climates are a no-go. Even when clean and ripe the wine can be testing: high in acidity and occasionally agricultural tannin. Yet carefully made examples can be delicious.

Wine Region: The Languedoc is really an extension of the Rhône vineyard, lying between that valley and the Roussillon that extends west to Perpignan at the foot of the Pyrenees. A small proportion of the Languedoc vineyards are appellation contrôlée and the vineyard surface area has shrunk here in recent years with the EU's policy of reducing the European wine lake.

Wine Producer: This is a collective of properties and small co-operatives that, together, work over 7,000 hectares of vines. Quality is paramount... as is value, judging by this wine!

Single Bottle **£9.00**

member price: £8.10

Six Bottle Case **£54.00**

member price: £48.60

 Style: Red - medium-bodied	 Grape Variety: Carignan	 Producer: Celliers Jean d'Alibert	 Serving Temperature: 17°C
 Alcohol Content: 13%	 Country: France	 Appellation: IGP Coteaux de Peyriac	 Drink By: 2018
 Bottle Size: 75cl	 Region: Languedoc	 Colour: Still Red	 Food: Beef Canapés Casseroles and Stews Duck Game Lamb Pasta Vegetables

Tasting Notes:

This is really quite scented: there are floral notes to the properly varietal fruit aromas that add nut to the cherries and plums. The palate is a little creamy and there are chocolate tannins in support. A lovely wine and one which is easy to like. It finishes with a little structural grip, fresh and long.

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