

# MAS DES AGRUNELLES TERRASSES DU LARCZAC «CARIÑO»



## WINEMAKER

Stéphanie Ponson et Frédéric Porro

## WINE REGION

Languedoc

**STORY** Frédéric Porro was an aspiring Motorcross rider until an accident left him in a wheelchair. His disability led him to a new passion - wine - after his sister asked him to put together the wine list for the restaurant. From that moment on, he became devoted to the grape. Mas des Agrunelles came about from his collaboration with Stéphanie Ponson – owner of Mas Nicot – in 2005 near Murles in Languedoc.

Stéphanie and Frédéric met in 1999 while studying enology in Montpellier. The name of the estate comes from the fact that there are a lot of wild sloe trees around the vineyards (sloe is 'Agrunelles' in old occitan).

The couple makes wine with the same diligence and passion as other biodynamic winemakers have before them, such as Didier Barral and Olivier Julien. It all began with experimentation, trial and error- but they quickly moved from organic vines to a fully functioning biodynamique vineyard and winery.

They are proud to produce natural wines of high quality.

## VINEYARD

Located in a cooler area of the Languedoc, the domaine sits on the Terrasses du Larzac, north-west of Montpellier. The vineyards are situated in Argelliers and Murles, and have been cultivated organically since 2003, and biodynamically since 2010. This wine is composed of Carignan noir grapes sourced from vines planted in the 1950's.

## VINIFICATION

The fruit is manually harvested, and takes place over the course of a couple days as they only pick during the cool temperatures of the early morning. The grapes are vinified in whole clusters, with limited to no intervention. The wine briefly sits in oak barrels for 3-4 months to round the tannins via natural micro-oxygenation. No filtering or fining.

## FOOD PAIRING

Fantastic on it's own, or with an elegant charcuterie plate.

## QUICK FACTS

### VARIETY

100% Carignan Noir

### AGING

Oak

### FARMING

Certified Organic  
by Ecocert France

