



2017 Old Vine Carignane

Testa Vineyards

Mendocino

Old vine Carignane is one of the many unsung grape heroes in our opinion that is far too often hidden from the list of varietals, never being the star. We are among several California producers striving to highlight the beauty and versatility of varietal (old vine) Carignane at the Testa Vineyard, planted in 1912 by Gaetano & Maria Testa and farmed today by 4th generation Maria Testa & her husband Rusty.

Appellation: Mendocino

Vineyard: Testa

Varietal: Carignane

Age: Planted 1939

Elevation: 1300 ft.

Soil: Decomposed sandstone & Pinnobie loam

Harvested: September 13, 2017

Pressed: September 26, 2017

Fermentations: Wild yeast & bacteria,
20% whole cluster

Maceration: 13 days

Aging: 10 months in Taransaud Cuve

Bottled: August 10, 2018

Production: 197 cases

Release date: Summer 2019



Tasting Note:

A striking sensory experience as your dip into the glass. Smells play across your mind. A back and forth conversation between the juiciness of a dark berry profile, hints of cinnamon and a dusty white pepper. The dark berries are well pronounced as you take a sip and are completed by sweet sage and dusty nature of medium tannins.