



2014 Testa Carignane, Mendocino

Old vine Carignane is one of the many unsung grape heroes in our opinion. Ours is made from a pre-WWII planting at the Testa Vineyard and results in a wine that combines gorgeous bright red fruit and spicy notes and earth driven minerality. It is light on its feet but still offers plenty of texture and mouthfeel.

Appellation: Mendocino

Vineyard: Testa

Varietal: Carignane

Clone: n/a

Age: Planted in 1939

Elevation: 1700 feet

Soil: Decomposed sandstone & Pinnobie loam

Yield: 2.5 tons/acre

Harvested: September 17, 2014

Pressed: October 1, 2014

Blend: 100% Carignane

Maceration: 15 days

Barrel aging: 10 months in neutral French Oak tank

Bottled: Unfiltered on July 28, 2015

Production: 386 cases

Release date: Fall 2015

Bright red fruits, blackberries and dark plums mingle with blood sausage on the nose. A medium body boasting black olives, red fruit and minerality akin to concrete on a warm day after a brief rainstorm. With a lingering finish this wine pairs well with everything from pizza to skirt steak. The French sometimes call this "Boir Dur" and so do we.