

Dom De L'Horizon Cotes Catalanes Rouge

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: France

REGION: Languedoc-Roussillon

APPELLATION: Cotes Catalanes

CEPAGE: 66% Carignan, 34% Grenache

WINEMAKING: Vinification is carried out in truncated wooden vats. The grapes, some of which are whole bunches, macerate for two weeks. The extractions are gentle and controlled in order to guarantee supple tannins while giving a beautiful body to the wine. Fermentation, carried out by native flora, continues in demi-muids.

AGING: 1 Year on fine lees

THE STORY

Thomas Teibert founded the Domaine de L'Horizon in the Roussillon village of Calce in 2006, after meeting native star Gerard Gauby a year prior. A tiny village of around 200 inhabitants, Calce lies at the foot of the mighty Pyrenees, 10 miles northwest of Perpignan, within striking distance of the Spanish border. Though technically part of the Languedoc-Roussillon, Calce is not French—it is Catalan. The wines from around this village have about as much in common with the vast sun-soaked enormity of the south of France as, say, Chablis does to the Rhone Valley. And, although Calce has been renowned as a viticultural area since the Knights Templar wrote admiringly about it in the 9th century, wines from this remote corner of southern France are still relatively unknown and underappreciated.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Deep and complex

THE SELLING POINTS

SUSTAINABILITY: Certified Biodynamic, Natural Fermentation

