

# CHÂTEAU DES KARANTES GRAND VIN

## AOP La Clape

Spirit of the place



### Winemaker's note

Château des Karantes is an outstanding vineyard located in the heart of a small valley, surrounded by the rocky cliffs of La Clape massif, a natural park. The name "Karantes" was inherited from the first owner, former bishop of Carcassonne. The estate overlooks the Mediterranean sea and offers an astonishing scenic view of the coast and the inland with garrigue and pine forest all around. The climate is exceptional: whether it be the sunshine duration, the heat stored up during the day by the limestone and then released to the grapes at night, or the effect of the Mediterranean which reduces the summer heat. The vineyard is cultivated using biodynamic methods.



### Winegrower's note

The Grands Vins cuvees come from a selection of the best plots of the vineyard. Harvesting is triggered after regular ripeness monitoring and tasting of the grapes as harvest time approaches. Picking grapes which tannins are ripe is key to achieving the highest quality levels. The grapes are handpicked and sorted in the vineyard and on arrival at the winery. Each grape variety is worked on separately: the Carignan and part of the Syrah are vinified using maceration in whole bunches while the Mourvèdre and the Grenache are vinified using traditional maceration. As winter ends, the varietals are blended and most of the wine is transferred and left to age for around 12 months in French oak barrels. The rest of the wine is left to age in vats in order to give freshness during the final blend that happens right before bottling.



### Tasting notes

The colour is a brilliant ruby red. The intense nose is dominated by distinct aromas of fruit (black cherries and blackcurrants), flowers (violets) and sweet spices. The mouth, round, reveals silky and fine tannins underlining notes of liquorice, gingerbread and concentrated fruit revealed on the nose. The slightly salty finish is characteristic of La Clape wines.

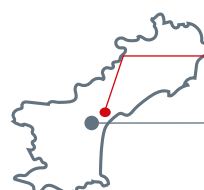
Serve at 17°C with grilled meat or mature cheese.

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### Grape varieties

Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache, Carignan



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