

# CASTELLUM

## IGP Cité de Carcassonne

Spirit of the place



### Winemaker's note

In the Middle Age, Castellum referred to the central castle Castrum, a fortified village located on the heights of the Languedoc. The name evokes the fortifications of the City of Carcassonne, classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. This medieval city, built during the 13th century and with an international reputation, attracts millions of visitors every year. Castellum is a selection of the best plots of the Domaine de l'Estagnère, located at the foot of this medieval fortress, between the Pyrenees in the south and the Montagne Noire in the north, with a Mediterranean climate tempered by the altitude and oceanic influences of the Atlantic.



### Winegrower's note

The work begins in the vineyard with meticulous work to obtain healthy and well-exposed foliage. The grapes must have an optimal level of maturity. A plot selection is carried out and the harvest is manual with de-stemming and berries sorting.

The vinification is traditional. The grapes are destemmed and then a long vatting period is carried out (with a temperature of 26°C in temperature-controlled vats) to encourage the expression of the fruit. Pressing takes place taking care to separate the presses, then the wines are racked in order to eliminate the coarsest lees before the malolactic fermentation. After the malolactic fermentation, the wines are racked again and then aged in French oak barrels.



### Tasting notes

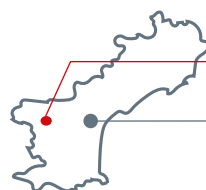
The colour is deep red. The nose reveals great richness and aromatic complexity with intense aromas of ripe fruit and violets. A beautiful roundness and length on the palate which is characterized by silky, melted tannins and spicy notes.

**Serve at 16°C with a rack of lamb, game or cheese.**



### Grape varieties

**Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec et Marselan**



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