

## DOMAINE ANNE GROS & JEAN-PAUL TOLLOT Minervois 'Les Carrétals'

The cool elegance of Burgundy, the warm soul of southern France—winemaker Anne Gros (of Domaine Anne Gros in Vosne-Romanée) is without question crafting some of the more harmonious, captivating red blends in the Languedoc today. The estate's 35 acres of old vines in Cazelles grow on a plateau at the foot of the Montagne Noir, 660 feet above sea level, the same altitude as Vosne-Romanée in Burgundy. This breathtaking region boasts exceptional terroir, as both limestone and chalk-rich fossils are abundant. Cooler temperatures allow grapes to ripen slowly, the result being balanced, mineral-infused wines without excessive levels of alcohol.

WINERY: Domaine Anne Gros & Jean-Paul Tollot

WINEMAKER: Anne Gros ESTABLISHED: 2006

**REGION:** FRANCE • Languedoc-Roussillon • Cazelles

**APPELLATION:** Minervois AOC **BLEND:** Carignan and Grenache

**VINEYARDS:** A one-acre estate vineyard planted in 1909. Anne Gros calls

this her "Richbourg of the south." Soils are pure limestone.

AGE OF VINES: 100+ years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Aged in demi-muid.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of cassis, licorice, violets. Penetrating, profound, complex; flavors of black raspberries, baking spices, ripe plums. Long and age-worthy.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Roast beef with jus; lamb with fresh herbs

