

DOMAINE DU VENTFitou 'Marindes'

"We go where the wind takes us," was long the motto of Nathalie and Benjamin Boyer, two talented winemakers-for-hire, who for many years crafted wines for other domaines across France. After living in regions as diverse as Burgundy, Corsica and Monbazillac, the duo decided it was time to do their own thing. The wind finally brought them to a plot of land in Fitou, one of Languedoc's oldest appellations, and a winery serendipitously named Domaine du Vent: "of the wind." Here this mountainous, Mediterranean terroir and its star grape, Carignan, give red wines of spice and substance.

WINERY: Domaine du Vent

WINEMAKER: Nathalie and Benjamin Boyer

ESTABLISHED: 2021

REGION: FRANCE ● Languedoc ● Fitou

APPELLATION: Fitou AOC

BLEND: 50% Carignan, 50% Syrah

VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards, both in the hills and on the plains, surrounded by forest and exposed to strong winds, in the Fitou appellation, one of the oldest in the Languedoc. Soils combine clay, limestone and sand.

AGE OF VINES: 30 to 40 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Destemmed. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in stainless steel tanks, with three-week skin maceration. Aged in tank.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of black cherries and black raspberries, notes of black pepper, with bay leaf and wild strawberry. Medium-bodied, smooth tannins, very juicy.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled steak or lamb, air-dried sausage

