



TORTOISE CREEK WINES

## 2012 Carignan "Vieilles Vignes"

HERAULT, FRANCE

### Origin/Location:

This cuvee of old vine (*vieilles vignes*) Carignan comes from a vineyard in the village of Cruzy which is located in the hills of the Herault region, north east of Beziers. The Carignan grape has been planted in the Languedoc for a great many years and the vineyards that produce this wine are all over 50 years old.

### Winemaking:

Although this wine is made with a traditional grape variety, the vinification was done in a modern style. The grapes are destemmed and crushed. The fermentation is carried out at controlled temperatures, around 75°F and the wine is aged in French oak to add complexity and roundness to the blend resulting in a juicy, intense and full-flavored wine.

**Alcohol: 12.5%**

### Tasting Notes/Food Pairing:

Our old vine Carignan has a deep, red color and lovely aromas of wild herbs and red berries. On the plate it is rich and full bodied with hints of spice and leather. Excellent with beef, barbeque or firm cheeses.

