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LES PETITES MISES

Hérault, Languedoc

Nathalie Guillevic and Etienne Granier farm four hectares of vines hidden amongst woodlands in Quarante, a tiny village northwest of Béziers in the Hérault. Having lived for many years in both Provence and the Ardèche, the two developed an interest in the kind of wines we love and in 2017 decided to settle here, drawn to the region because of its natural beauty, grape varieties and terroir.

The vines are planted in gobelet over clay and limestone. The oldest are over a hundred years old and have been farmed organically for almost thirty years. The two work with a real attention to detail in the vineyards, which are treated only with a little copper, sulphur, herbal teas and essential oils.

The grapes are harvested early in the morning, destemmed by hand in the afternoon and fermented in cuve. Once fermentation is finished, they are given a very gentle press to either fifty-four litre glass demijohns or large ceramic jars to rest. Exercising great patience, Nathalie and Etienne bottle the wines in small lots only when they feel they are ready, by gravity and with no additions.

Nathalie and Etienne's wines have a rare sense of clarity and focus. Built on a backbone of pristine fruit, they are strikingly pure, offering a beautiful vision of grape and place.

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Carignan from vines between sixty and one hundred years old, planted over fine, silty soils down by the river. Picked at the beginning of the harvest, the grapes were destemmed and spent a month on skins, before being pressed off to glass demijohns for three years of élevage. A luminous wine heady with red fruit and wildflowers and full of southern charm.