

# DEPARTMENT 66 "OTHERS" RED WINE 2016

## **Côtes Catalanes IGP**

Produced and bottled by Department 66 in Maury, France

### **Maury, France**

It was ten years ago that Dave Phinney first took friends up on their offer to visit Maury, France. Nestled in the Pyrénées-Orientales (France's department number 66), Maury is a historic agricultural village with an enduring legacy of growing grapes. Home to old-vine grenache, syrah, mourvedre and carignan, the region's warm climate is tempered by the blustery Tramontane wind that whips across the valley. Steep hillsides, black schist and red angle soils reveal striking shades of black, gray and orange, and conspire to make Maury one of the most compelling wine producing regions in Southern France.

### **Vineyards**

Grapes are sourced from the winery's 300 estate-owned acres in the Côtes Catalanes growing region, a sub-appellation of the Roussillon. Vines range in age from 10 to 65+ years.

### **Winemaker Notes**

Striking a seemingly perfect balance between plushness and precision, the vibrantly crimson colored 2016 perfumes with cherry cola and fresh flowers while buttressed with brambly garrigue notes and characteristic flinty minerality. Straightforward and compact, the wine opens with bright raspberry and rhubarb and then reveals more nuanced hints of confectioners chocolate, schist, and dried herbs. Ever-present, is a satisfying vein of acidity that perfectly supports the wine's complexity.

### **Maturation**

30% new french oak for 18 months  
Aged in the bottle for 5 months before release

### **Alcohol**

15.2%

