

2012 Les Anciens (Carignan)

Chateau Maris, South of France, France

Product details

Vintage:	2012	Drinking:	2017
Producer:	Chateau Maris	Alcohol:	
Region:	South of France	Variety:	
Country:	France		

About the producer

"Château Maris, a bio-dynamic and organic French winery, has created a net-zero energy building by using bricks made from organic hemp and lime. Topped by a green roof with solar panels, it produces as much energy as it consumes." SustainableBusiness.com, 18 March 2014

'Wine is grown, not made' - is what Robert Eden firmly believes is the key to successful winemaking.

Robert left British shores over 20 years ago and first headed to Australia, where his interest in wine was formed. Following stints in Italy and Spain, he finally settled in France in pursuit of living his dream of making wine in the Minervois La Livinière appellation of Languedoc and bought Chateau Maris in 1996. There, he set about completely rejuvenating the soils and building the estate up to the 79 acres that are under vine today.

At Château Maris, they strive to make wines which showcase the character of its terroir with particular emphasis on sustainability and protection of the natural environment. Robert thinks of his vineyards as complex living structures and takes great care and pride in farming his estate biodynamically and has even built the world's first hemp cellar, which was designed to run on zero carbon emission. The entire estate is hand harvested and some plots are ploughed by the estate's own workhorses each year, with barley, bulgur and mustard being grown in between rows to enrich the soil and strengthen the vines.

The wines of Chateau Maris are lushly-textured and pure. Vibrant and full of character, with a hallmark freshness and concentrated depth that hails from the care and attention lavished on them in the vineyards.

