

DOMAINE VAQUER

Tresserre, Roussillon

FERNAND VAQUER ROUGE 1985

VARIET Y & TERROIR

80% Carignan, 20% Grenache on siliceous clay and stony terroir of Les Apres

VINEYARD AGE & YIELD

40 + year-old vines & 30 hl/ha

FARMING PRACTICES

organic

VINIFICATION & AGING

Wild yeast fermentation in tank and aged 2 years in cement vats before bottling and then aged in bottle at 1 300m in old family farm in the Pyrenees

ALCOHOL

13%

PRODUCTION

900 bottles

Located in the Pyrenees mountain town of Tresserre at 650 feet elevation, Domaine Vaquer overlooks Collioure and the Mediterranean sea. The vicious Tramontane wind of the region whips through Frédérique's garrique-covered vines, including old plantings of Carignan, planted just after WWII en gobelet (bush vines planted close to the ground) and worked without machines, only by hand.

As in Collioure and across the border in Spanish Catalonia, Rancio-style Rivesaltes is the more historical wine of this area, which is often compared to Vin Jaune of the Jura, aging sous voile to protect it from total oxidation. While a small amount of textbook solera Rivesaltes is still made at the Domaine Vaquer, since Frédérique studied in Burgundy she is consequently fixated on terroir-revealing elegant red sand dry, saline whites with a remarkable sense of precision beyond what you'd expect from the region.

Her new releases are brimming with energy, and along with her current releases she generously agreed to part with some library bottles from her cellar that show the incredible aging potential of her terroir.

I am honored to now represent Domaine Vaquer in the United States. -LyleRailsback

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Fernand Vaquer **ROUGE 1985** Notre identité de production reste notre nom Vaquer pour ce vin des coteaux de Tresserre élevé avec un soin particulier et conservé dans les Pyrénées à 1300 mètres d'altitude. VIN DE PAYS CATALAN ELEVÉ ET MIS EN BOUTEILLE AU DOMAINE 750 ml 🗄 FERNAND VAQUER, VITICULTEUR À TRESSERRE (66300) FRANCE 13% vol DUIT DE FRANCE - CONTIENT DES SULFITES