



CAIRANNE “LES DOUYES”

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Vintage **2011**
Producer **DOMAINE DE L'ORATOIRE SAINT MARTIN**
Country **FRANCE**
Region **RHONE**
Alcohol **13.5%**

Composition:
60% GRENACHE, 40% MOURVEDRE

THE STORY

Brothers Frédéric and François Alary are the tenth generation of winemakers to tend this estate in the Côtes-du-Rhône over the last 300 years (the family history goes back to 1692). They succeeded their father in 1984, and cultivate 27ha of some of the best plots in Cairanne. The Alarys' vineyards are located on steep hills of two main lieux-dits, les Douyes and St-Martin. The estate takes its name from the small chapel (oratoire) that stands in this last plot.

TASTING NOTES

Intensely aromatic with crushed red berries and rhubarb notes, the palate is dripping with delicious dark cherry, iodine, black pepper, game and all kinds of spice nuances. Again this seduces with its texture and refreshing balance. In spite of its richness the palate has a punchy, bright, pulsating energy, with the generous texture nicely balanced by a twist of crushed herbs and powdery tannins on the finish.

VINEYARD

The soil is very rocky, with a high proportion of limestone and two types of clay, yellow on the surface and blue deeper down. Most of the vines are over 40 years old and some are reaching their 100s.

VINIFICATION

Aged entirely in vats.

VITICULTURE

Vines planted in 1905. Vineyard work is organic, although the Alary brothers may prefer the term traditional.



