# Sera Wine Imports presents wines from: Agly Brothers



**FRANCE** 

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# **Brand Highlights**

- Joint venture of Elva and Ron Laughton and Corienne and Michel Chapoutier
- 70% Syrah, 30% Grenache
- This is a small, separate old-vine site in Latour de France

#### The Estate

This vineyard and resulting wine is the result of a collaboration between Elva and Ron Laughton of Jasper Hill (AU) fame and Corienne and Michel Chapoutier from Tain, Hermitage. Both families are well known for their love and appreciation of Syrah—or Shiraz—depending on the nomenclature of the area of production. This old-vine parcel is planted high in the Agly Valley at an elevation of 250m where the Carignan and Syrah are planted on Gneiss soil facing north. The Grenache is planted on south facing slopes with Schist on a calcareous layer. Bio-dynamic rhythms are followed and only natural and organic composts are used.

#### Wine Making

Each of the varietals are hand harvested, entirely destemmed, and hand-sorted. Fermentations take place in small cement vats with a light punching of the caps. Maceration proceeds 3-4 weeks as determined by taste and vat and the wines are racked to cask where they undergo malolactic fermentation. The wine is then aged for 16-20 months in previously used barrels (1 to 3 vintages in age) from various origins, always French oak and thicker staved barrels for the Grenache to limit oxidation.

## **Tasting Notes**

The wine is garnet red with an dense coloring, intensity, yet limpid with bright highlights. The nose is concentrated black fruits, complex roasting notes and aged leather. The wood component is discreet and the spices are well integrated. The silky palate is generous, and has a powerful grace that complements the present and persistent tannins. The aromas of ripe fruits are beautifully balanced with the spice, leather and roasting notes. Proper bottle aging has been achieved prior to release.

## **Press**

- ♦ 2017 Vintage **93-95 Points**—Jeb Dunnuck
- ♦ 2016 Vintage 93 Points—Jeb Dunnuck
- ♦ 2015 Vintage **94-96 Points**—Wine Advocate
- ♦ 2014 Vintage **94-97 Points**—Wine Advocate
- ♦ 2010 Vintage **91 Points**—Wine Advocate

#### **Product Specifications**

Available in: 750mL w/Natural Cork

• UPC: 8 75734 00013 4

• SCC:

• Case (in.): 12.25 x 9.75 x 6.5