

LES EQUILIBRISTES CARIGNAN BLANC VIN DE FRANCE 'SECOND SOUFFLE'



100% Carignan Blanc. A cuvée full of roundness, freshness and a lively character. Full bodied with texture and personality. Delicate, rare and fantastic, it excites the taste buds. Organic.

The team behind this wine saved a vineyard with very old Carignan Blanc vines. They chose to vinify these grapes separately to show the grape's potential, giving them a "Second *Souffle*" (Breath). The soil in the vineyard is clay and limestone. The average vine age is 60 years. Tillage and exclusive use of organic fertilizer in the vineyard for more than 30 years; no insecticides. The grapes were harvested by hand at night. Cold settling, indigenous yeast. Aged on the lees for 3 months, bottled early to keep the CO2 which naturally protects the wine. Unfined/unfiltered. From winemaker Pierre from Domaine Bridau in the Village of Montagnac.

Les Equilibristes (Tightrope Walkers) are François de Monval and Florent Girou. François is a wine merchant and restaurant owner in Paris, and Florent is a wine-grower and consulting oenologist in the Dordogne. They aim to produce one of a kind, quirky cuvees from small estates all across France. Their central focus is to fashion wines that possess *équilibre* (balance). *Les Equilibristes* have a simple set of rules they follow in winemaking: great terroir, indigenous grape varieties, organic winemaking practices, indigenous yeasts, minimal sulphur, minimal intervention in the cellar and complete synergy with the wine-grower. The results are simply stunning. Each year, they purchase a select amount of grapes from which they produce terroir driven, organic cuvees that express a clear identity and sense of place. It's a collaborative process, from choosing the site to final bottling.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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