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"Carignan is a lovely and unique variety. Most often used in blends to add colour, structure or acidity, it also stands beautifully on its own, using its rustic charm to seduce and enlighten. This is my favourite Carignan we've made, using less whole bunch than we have in the past which allows for the earthy fruits to be expressed with that slight herbal note adding a complexing element. I'm not sure what it is about Carignan that I find so alluring, but every year it's a wine I just love to make."

~ Sam Berketa, Head Winemaker

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| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Vintage</b>  |
| X              | 2022            |
| <b>Variety</b> | <b>Region</b>   |
| Carignan       | Langhorne Creek |

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#### **Nose**

Pink flowers, red berries and a slight hint of jamon.

#### **Palate**

Light and delicate yet backed with a chalky structure that safely houses the perfumed fruits.

#### **Pair**

Jamon, grilled sardines or a heirloom tomato salad.

#### **Winemaking**

Hand harvested. 50% fermented as 100% whole bunches 50% fully destemmed. Whole bunch ferment fermented carbonically. Destemmed component hand plunged twice daily. Gently pressed to old barriques for 8 months. Full and spontaneous MLF. Blended prior to bottling.

#### **Vineyard**

ENTAV 63 Clone on Chardonnay rootstock. 30m Elevation, flat with no aspect. Red sand of deep calcareous base. VSP spur pruned with shoot and bunch thinning.

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| <b>Alcohol</b> | <b>Acidity</b>   |
| 12.7%          | 6.8g/L           |
| <b>pH</b>      | <b>Cellaring</b> |
| 3.41           | 10 Years         |

Alpha Box & Dice would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we make our wines and respect their ongoing connection to land, culture and sea. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

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