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2014 Clos du Gravillas IGP Pays d'Herault Lo Vièlh Carignan de 100 Ans

Made from 100% Carignan (from vines planted in 1911) that was raised in 400-liter French oak barrels, the vibrant purple colored 2014 IGP Pays d'Herault Lo Vièlh Carignan de 100 Ans offers classic aromas and flavors of black raspberries, violets, cassis and hints of minerality. Medium-bodied, elegant and supple, it's still incredibly young and unevolved, and I suspect will benefit from a year or two in bottle.

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2015 Clos du Gravillas Minervois l'Inattendu Blanc

A hidden gem is the 2015 Minervois l'Inattendu Blanc, and it's made from 80% Grenache Blanc and 20% Macabeu aged all in barrels. Possessing medium-bodied richness, integrated acidity, big minerality and clean, classic notes of white peach and crushed rocks, it will shine on the dinner table and keep for 2-3 years. There's just 250 cases produced.

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2014 Clos du Gravillas Minervois l'Inattendu Blanc

Checking in as a blend of 80% Grenache Blanc and 20% Macabeu, the 2014 Minervois l'Inattendu Blanc is a shockingly good white that offers notes of citrus blossom, white flowers, crushed rocks and hints of orchard fruits in its medium-bodied, fresh, balanced profile. From Grenache vines planted in 1940 (and Macabeu vines planted in the 80s) and limestone soils, it was fermented and aged in 25% new French oak, with the balance two- to five-year-old barrels. This beauty is a testament to the quality of the whites from the south of France. Unfortunately, there's under 300 cases made.

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2013 Clos du Gravillas IGP Pays d'Herault Lo Vièlh Carignan de 100 Ans

The 2013 IGP Pays d'Herault Lo Vièlh Carignan de 100 Ans (you guessed it, 100% Carignan from vines planted in 1911) has the classic violets and resinous herb character of the variety, as well as lots of beautiful black raspberry fruit and building minerality. Medium-bodied, focused, layered and elegant, it's about as pretty as Carignan gets and is an outstanding effort to enjoy over the coming 5-6 years. Note, the élevage here is 12 months in two- to three-year-old, 400-liter barrels.

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