



## 2005 AGLY BROTHERS

<b>WINEMAKER :</b>	Ron Laughton and Michel Chapoutier
<b>REGION :</b>	Côtes du Roussillon- Latour de France
<b>VARIETALS :</b>	Predominately Carignan, blended with Shiraz and Grenache
<b>MATURATION :</b>	Older French oak barriques for 16-20 months
<b>ALCOHOL :</b>	15% alc/vol

### BACKGROUND :

Agly Brothers, named as a playful take on Ron and Michel making wine together from vineyards along the River Agly, is nurtured biodynamically and made with simplicity from vines grown near the Southern French town of Latour de France, a small village that borders the ancient kingdoms of Catalonia and France. Mature vineyards lay abandoned in this area of steep, arid slopes, and it is the quest of the Laughton and Chapoutier families to rediscover and fully express these exceptional, low-yielding sites.

### WINEMAKING :

Agly Brothers is a traditional and generous red blend comprised of Carignan, Shiraz and Grenache from a three-hectare patch of old bush vines planted in hard schist soils in the early 1900s. The grapes are hand-picked, with fermentation carried out in small, cement tanks. Soft pigeage is practiced for better fruit extraction, while seasoned French oak adds subtle spice. Exceptional terroir paired with biodynamic practices make this limited release a must have for wine enthusiasts.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM :** 91 pts, Wine Spectator Online

### ABOUT CHAPOUTIER & LAUGHTON :

A chance meeting in the mid-nineties sealed a certain fate for two great winemaking families of modern times – the Laughtons of Heathcote, Victoria, and the Chapoutiers of the Rhone Valley, France. Ron Laughton and Michel Chapoutier, both passionate winemakers with a belief in the ability of biodynamics to express pure terroir, found they shared a common vision: to create a pair of wines from far-reaching corners of the globe that would each express their distinct origins, yet remain allied through the philosophy of their creation. The Agly Brothers Côtes du Roussillon and Cambrien Shiraz represent the labors of the Laughton and Chapoutier families in this endeavor.



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