

DOMAINE DE
CÉBÈNE

BRIGITTE CHEVALIER

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Languedoc before the floods

A round-up of tasting notes on about 120 current releases from France's best-value region.

DOM DE CÉBÈNE, Faugères

Ex-Bordelaise Brigitte Chevalier's range of particularly sensitively made examples of wines from this exciting appellation. The wines are relatively easy to find in the UK and US. (When in Bordeaux, she used to work in exporting wine, I believe.)

- **Dom de Cébène, Felgaria 2016 Faugères** *Mourvèdre grown on schist. Very low yields and aged in 500-litre barrels.*
Mid garnet. Meaty, warm nose. Very appealing indeed with quite a bit of fine tannin on the finish but beautifully judged, opulent but not overripe. Very flattering with some real terroir grip on the end. Be sure to serve this with meaty food if you open it before 2020.14% Drink 2018-2026
17
- **Dom de Cébène, Les Bancèls 2016 Faugères** *Syrah and Grenache grown on north and east-facing schist slopes. Yields of 20hl/ha. Unoaked.*
Pale to mid ruby. Wonderful lift on the haunting nose. Already hugely appealing. Just dances on the palate. Light hand on the tiller and then just the right amount of freshness and very light tannin. Tastes as though it had a little bit of rock soaked in it.14% Drink 2018-2023
17.5
- **Dom de Cébène, Ex Arena 2016 IGP Pays d'Oc** *Grenache with 10% Mourvèdre on a distinctive deep alluvial terroir north of Béziers in Corneilhan, 20 km from the Mediterranean. 20 hl/ha. Unoaked.*
Pale ruby. Heady sweet perfume with beguiling strawberry fruit. Great lift and freshness. Fruit at first and then a dry, appetising finish, but overall so very juicy and appealing. I think you could serve this at a wide range of temperatures. Long.13.5% Drink 2018-2022
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- **Dom de Cébène, Belle Lurette 2016 Faugères** *Very old Carignan with Mourvèdre and Grenache on schist. Yields under 20 hl/ha. No oak.*
Deep purplish crimson. Wild, fresh, black-fruit nose. Pretty tight on the end still. Let this round out in bottle. Salty finish.13.5% Drink 2019-2024
16.5