



## **2012 Shatter Cotes Catalanes Grenache**

A Grenache Dry Red Table wine from France,,IGP Cotes Catalanes,Languedoc Roussillon,France

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Rating: 92

Drink 2015 - 2022

Cost: \$0

A collaboration between Napa's Joel Gott and Dave Phinney, the semi-opaque 2012 Cotes Catalanes Grenache is a smoking blend of 100% Grenache that comes from the singular, black schist soils located around the village of Maury, in the Agly Valley in the Roussillon. Aged in French oak (a small part being new) and hitting 15.6% natural alcohol, this sexy, full-bodied, pedal-to-the-metal effort bears plenty of resemblance to the old-vine, 100% Grenache efforts coming from Chateauneuf du Pape. Kirsch liqueur, blackberry, toasted spice, garrigue and hints of vanilla bean all flow nicely to a seamless, silky, yet decadently styled red that has fine tannin, and a blockbuster, heady finish. It will certainly not appease those looking for lightweight aromas and flavors, but count me a fan. The oak is still present, so give it a year in bottle; it will drink nicely for another 5-6 years.

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