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Calmel & Joseph

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Calmel & Joseph Saint Chinian 2011 14%

Typical blend - Syrah (60%) Grenache Carignan

Quite Rhone-like in the bouquet with red and black fruits, a layer of plum and red meats, mild peppery spices and sandy, rocky soil undertones.

On the palate - dry with lots of spiced plum, cherry and light black fruit suggestions; medium tannins with a peppery edge; there's a cigar box/tobacco note that I find appealing; a gentle herbal side as well; overall a well made wine, balanced and an example that could be enjoyed easily with or without food.

3 Stars