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WINE  
COMPANY

## Calder Old Vine Carignan, Mendocino

£34.99

**Vintage:** 2015

**Bottle Size:** 75cl

**Alcohol %:** 14.50%

**Country:** USA

**Description:** Soft and supple on the palate, the Evangelho shows warm summer fruits and gentle spice, backed up by excellent structure, soft, smooth tannins, and a long, aromatic finish.

**Cepages:** Carignan

**Group:** USA

**Sub group:** California

**Colour:** Red

**Closure:** Cork

**Producer:**

**Website:**

**Organic/Bio Status:**

**Food / cocktail match:** Brilliant with lamb and grilled meat dishes.

**Food / cocktail recipe:**

**Press**  
"Rory Williams, son of John Williams of Frogs Leap. 80% from the Rovera Vineyard planted in 1942, and 20% from dry-farmed Cemetery vineyard planted in 1954. Two out of the 12 barrels were new American oak. Concentrated and ripe with sweet berry fruits and a bit of spiciness. There's some sweetness to the fruit, and maybe a hint of spicy oak. Nice grip here with lovely freshness and direct fruit. Some raspberry and cherry on the finish. 92/100" - Jamie Goode, Wine Anorak

**Awards**

**Other Info:** Calder Wine Company is owned and operated by Rory Williams, the son of venerable Napa winemaker John Williams of Frog's Leap Winery. Frog's Leap has been a leader of organic and dry farming in Napa since



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the 1980s and Rory, now head vineyard manager for the winery, maintains these fundamental principles in all his endeavors.

Rory grew up around the Frog's Leap winery and as a result was exposed to the classic wines of California at an early age. During college, Rory took time off to work harvests in Barolo, Argentina, Burgundy, and Provence before returning to California with thoughts of making wine. It was a bottle he shared with his father (1964 Inglenook Charbono) that inspired him to start his own winery, working with the long-overlooked, traditional varieties in Napa such as Charbono, Chenin Blanc, and Riesling.

Calder will always be a small, one-man operation, and it is because of people like Rory Williams that we have the pleasure of drinking these heritage varieties from Napa. That is until Rory either gets bored of the project or decides he wants to make more money and rips up all the vines and plants Cab. But because it's California, we'll end on a positive note and say that it seems he'll be doing this for a long time