I COME FROM

Believed to have originated in Spain

Most widely drunk by the French

In the USA they refer to me as Carignane
In Spain they call me Cariñena

I AM GOOD FOR

Ideal for warm regions. Carignan likes heat.

Nowadays winemakers are increasingly using Carignan as a single varietal wine.

Very popular blending component due to its dark colour

Was crossed with Cabernet Sauvignon to create Ruby Cabernet

I SMELL LIKE

Delicate and complex bouquets
Blackberries
Black currants
Plums
Leather
Grilled meat
Toffee
Chocolate

I TASTE LIKE

Fresh and lively
High acidity
Raspberry and cherry
Robust tannins
Astringent

I LIKE TO PAIR WITH

Steak and chips
Venison and sweet potatoes
Roasted duck breast with a fig sauce
Bistro meals, especially meat dishes
Grilled pork chops