



# CARMEL & JOSEPH

CRÉATEURS DE GRANDS VINS  
en Languedoc-Roussillon



## VILLA BLANCHE

### Marselan

Very dense, almost black hue flecked with purple. Lovely shine. Aromas of ripe Mediterranean fruit such as plums and black figs; there are notes of liquorice again this year, as well as jammy dark fruit. Garrigue and spices come through on the palate, with a touch of cinnamon on the finish. The palate is smooth, the tannins are powerful yet supple. This wine is succulent and full: its power is balanced by a lovely freshness on the finish. This little-known grape variety will excite the curious...

### TECHNICAL SHEET

#### Appellation

IGP Pays d'Oc

#### Vintage

2016

#### Varieties

100% Marselan.

The Marselan varietal is a cross between Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache Noir. It was created in 1961 near the town of Marseillan by the INRA research body and is now planted in vineyards in the Languedoc, Rhône Valley, Spain, the North Coast of California, Switzerland and Israel.

#### Production

40 HL / Ha

#### Alcohol

14,5% alc./vol

#### Terroir

Volcanic, clay & limestone. The climate is typically Mediterranean, warm and sunny with a low rainfall. Winters are mild, summers are hot and usual drought conditions fully matured the grapes.

#### Vinification

Traditional vinification after destemming and partially crushing of 50% of the harvest. Cap punching operations (pigeages) were carried out each day with a fermentation temperature between 25 and 30°C. The wine spends a total of 3 weeks in vat. The malo-lactic fermentation was carried out on the settled wine.

#### Ageing

Wine is aged for ten months in concrete vats before bottling.

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**Jancis Robinson 30/09/2017**

16/20 A little rugged, a little rustic, totally charming ...