



CALMEL & JOSEPH

CRÉATEURS DE GRANDS VINS
en Languedoc-Roussillon



VILLA BLANCHE Chardonnay

A brilliant, limpid pale gold colour. A vintage of hot, dry conditions, as in 2016, that concentrated the aromas, giving power to their expression. First of all apricot and vine peach, followed by magnificent notes of elderberry, aniseed, mint and a plethora of white flowers. The mouth is perfectly balanced as a result of harvesting in two passes; fresh, fruity and dense, with the presence of exotic fruit mingled with subtle, well-integrated, oaky notes. The finish is as succulent as ever, with that characteristic touch of salinity. A beautifully fresh wine from this new, particularly hot, vintage thanks to the painstaking work of blending.

TECHNICAL SHEET

Appellation

IGP Pays d'Oc

Vintage

2017

Varieties

100% Chardonnay

Alcohol

13.5% alc./vol

Terroir

Volcanic, clay and limestone. The climate is typically Mediterranean, warm and sunny with low rainfall. Winters are mild, summers are hot and the usual dry conditions ensure that the grapes ripen fully. Vines are ploughed; no weed killer is used. Pruning is short to regulate the vine's growth and its yields.

Vinification

The grapes are picked at night, in two passes. The first harvest is done at a relatively early stage in maturity, to keep freshness in the wine. Then 15 days later a second harvest is done, to get good concentration and varietal aromas. Grapes are destemmed and then macerated at 5°C for 4 hours. Fermentation is temperature-controlled 15°C (no malolactic fermentation).

Ageing

Chardonnay are aged for three months in oak barrels then bottled.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

AWC Vienna (Internation Wine Challenge)

Gold Medal



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2* : ... un vin consistant, onctueux, frais et persistant qui donne la première place au fruit

Sam Kim (Wine Orbit) 2018
90/100

Jancis Robinson 08/03/2018

15.5/20 ... just a bit sweet brûlée, vanilla sugar and cinnamon ...

Chardonnay du Monde 2018
Silver medal