



# CARMEL & JOSEPH

CRÉATEURS DE GRANDS VINS  
en Languedoc-Roussillon



## VILLA BLANCHE Chardonnay

A rich, brilliant gold robe. The nose is clean and bright, with hints of almonds, white flowers and aniseed. In the mouth it has a good, fresh attack, and a pleasingly rounded character on the mid palate, with a refreshing "zip" on the finish and aromas of juniper flowers.

### TECHNICAL SHEET

**Appellation**

IGP Pays d'Oc

**Vintage**

2012

**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**

Aged for three months in oak barrels (30% of the vintage).

### RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

**Chardonnay du Monde 2014**

Top 50 sur 890

**WINE ALIGN (LCBO) Canada Ontario**

Gold Medal

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### **Bettane & Dessauve 2014**

14/20 : Nez fruits blancs, miellé et fumé, bouche généreuse ...  
vraiment agréable

### **Jancis Robinson**

Dégustation Juillet 2013 : 16.5/20

### **Chardonnay du Monde 2013**

Gold medal - Top 50 under 890 Chardonnay tasted

### **Decanter**

Commended

### **International Wine Challenge 2013**

Commended

### **Concours national - IGP France**

Gold Medal

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