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SAINT CHINIAN Le Saint Festin White

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This is a brilliant, limpid daffodil yellow wine shot through with golden gleams. The nose is delicate in a floral (broom, as always) and exotic register. Barrel ageing confers lightly toasted notes which lifts this rich aromatic palette that is typically Mediterranean. White peach, apricot and pear reveal themselves after a few swirls of the glass. The same blend of four grapes gives superb complexity and perfect balance in the mouth. The combination of smoothness, length and freshness thanks to an agreeable minerality augurs great ageing potential for this wine.

TECHNICAL SHEET

Appellation

Saint Chinian

Vintage

2018

Varieties

White Grenache 40%, Roussanne 30%, Rolle 20%, Viognier 10%

Production

30 HL / Ha

Alcohol

13.5 % alc./vol

Terroir

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Soil type : Limestone clay

Vinification

Destemming, direct pressing, and static settling are followed by temperature-controlled fermentation at 16°C for 15 days. Racking takes place 10 days after the end of alcoholic fermentation. Matured at 10°C with no addition of sulphites until the spring. No malolactic fermentation.

Ageing



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20 % is matured in new barrels for 10 months, the remainder in concrete vats in fine lees.



PRESS

White Saint-Chinian by Neil Cammies - 12/2020

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