



Domaine Richaud, Tradition, AOC Cairanne, Blanc

AOC Cairanne, Vallée du Rhône, France

Established in 1960, this 60-hectare family estate is located in the heart of the Cairanne appellation. At just 17, Marcel took over his parents' legacy, leaving the cooperative to follow his own creative vision. Today, he runs the domaine with the help of his son, Thomas, and daughter, Claire. In the 1980s, Marcel expanded the estate by acquiring 3 hectares on the Ebrescade terroir, where old vines are planted on sediment, marl, and small stones from the Rasteau Massif at 250 meters in altitude. This uniq

LOCATION

The grapes come from differents terroirs in Cairanne vineyard: « Chantal, les Garrigues, les Combes, les Partides, la Ridel et les Bayes ». The vines are located mostly above the village and in the hillsides adjacent to the village.

TERROIR

These vines are planted mainly on the sandy soils of the northwestern slopes of the vineyard.

IN THE VINEYARD

The average age of these vines are between 20 to 40 years, with an average yield of 20hl/ha for this vintage. The harvest is made in open crates of 200Kg in order to not alter the grape.

WINEMAKING

Pre-fermentation maceration in open crates in a cold room for 12 hours before pressing. Long pressing from 5 to 7 hours and separation of the last juices. The Cairanne Blanc is fermented for one month in concrete vats at low temperatures (between 18° and 22°C). Slow fermentations at low temperatures has the advantage of preserving as much as possible the finest aromas and producing fine glycerol, which brings the desired complexity.

AGEING

This white Cairanne is aged 7 months in concrete tank for the all blend. Lightly sulphated during the bottling process, only 1.5g/hl.

VARIETALS

Grenache blanc 40%, Roussanne 30%, Clairette 20%, Bourboulenc 10% Contains sulphites.

AGEING POTENTIAL

3 to 5 years

TASTING

This wine has a shinny yellow colour with golden tinges. Nose and palate, are dominated by white fruits, white flowers, spiced and fresh butter notes. Rich and aromatic, with an extensive final swirl of bitter notes. This white Cairanne is round, intense, long and deep.



