



Maison Les Alexandrins

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Maison Les Alexandrins Viognier - 2020

Vin de France, VSIG, France

An elegant, fresh and aromatic wine, the perfect accompaniment for your aperitifs.

DESCRIPTION

An entry level white wine. We chose the Viognier variety because it is aromatic and brings great minerality. This wine offers immediate pleasure and will be perfect with aperitifs to accompany your seafood amuse-bouche.

TERROIR

The wine is produced from vines planted at altitude, mainly on the Coteaux d'Ardèche.

THE VINTAGE

After the hail damage of 2019, we had to nurse our vineyards back to health with a range of gentle but complementary nutrients. This made 2020 a technically exacting year, especially since the weather reserved many surprises for us. Spring was extraordinarily hot and dry and, despite a short break in June when some welcome rain fell, summer saw a continuation of drought conditions right up until the harvest. With a high risk of mildew at the start of the season, constant and unpredictable winds, powdery mildew half way through the season and the threat of high temperatures and scorching, we were spared nothing, and it required a major effort to cope. Fortunately, the occasional shower, fairly cool nights and morning dew meant the vines did not suffer too much from the summer heat, and all our hard work seems to have paid off with the promise of a fine vintage. To avoid the hottest moments of the day, we began picking from 6 am so as to pick the grapes while they were cool. We began with the whites on August 19 and continued with the reds through until September 16. First tastings revealed aromatic wines of great freshness, with degrees rarely exceeding 13.5°. After so many twists and turns, it is a vintage that reverts to origin in a very "Northern Rhône" style, after the mediterranean vintages of 2018 and 2019.

PROCESS

Fermentation and ageing takes place in stainless steel tanks at low temperatures. The idea is to preserve the freshness and aromatics of the wine. Bottling takes place in the spring.

VARIETAL

Viognier 100%

TASTING

Pretty shiny colour with golden reflections. On the nose, this wine is typical of Viognier variety from the Rhône Valley: very aromatic, it exudes a bewitching fragrance with superb notes of white fruit and citrus. On the palate, it is surprisingly lively with a beautiful aromatic freshness. It is a wine that will go wonderfully with aperitifs.



SERVING

Drink young to 2 years. 12°C.

