

PROVENANCE	IGP Haute Vallée de l'Aude Limoux, South of France	
VARIETY	100% Chenin Blanc	
TERROIR	280 m / 350 m. altitude. High terrace of Upper Aude Valley Eocene molasse: pebble-rich sandstones and marls Confluence of Mediterranean & Atlantic influences. Natura 2000 EU-protected nature reserve.	
VITICULTURE	Sustainable + Méthode Cousinié	
YIELD	50 hl / ha; 4,400 vines / ha 25 year old vines average	
VINIFICATION	Grapes picked and sorted by hand prior to pressing Pneumatic pressing at low pressure Exclusively free-run juice separated for this wine Fermented at 18°, aged on lees in stainless steel tanks	
BOTTLING	March 2017, 4000 bottles	
ANALYSIS	Alc: 12.8%	pH: 3.25
	Res Sugar: 0 g/L	Total acidity: 4.1 g/L
HARVEST	By hand: 28, 29 September from 3 designated blocks. An exceptionally dry summer with only 50 mL of rain (we do not irrigate our vines), yet the grapes ripened well, quality was outstanding, and the yield was 15-20% higher than previous years. .	
TASTING NOTES	Elegant, refined nose with subtle floral notes giving way to increased minerality in time, fresh in the mouth, great length.	
FOOD IDEAS	Asian dishes, seafood, shellfish. Oysters!	

AUDE A LA JOIE 2016





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“Garden of Eden”

Chenin blanc for our IGP Haute Vallée de l’Aude



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The message in the bottle:

We believe our ‘terroir’ is wonderfully suited to the chenin blanc grape, which we normally ferment and age in oak barrels (“Dédicace”), in accordance with the rules of the Limoux appellation. The abundant and extremely healthy harvest of 2016 gave us a unique opportunity to make a chenin blanc in stainless steel tanks, a fresh and bracing counterweight to Dédicace’s rich complexity.

The 4th movement of Beethoven’s 9th Symphony, coupled with Schiller’s famous poem Ode to Joy, have become a universal message of suffrage and protest, from Hong Kong to Chile, from South Africa to the Ukraine. This music is also the anthem of the European Union.

In the eventful year of its release, our Aude à la Joie is not so much a protest, as a celebration of 60 years of peace, prosperity, and sanctuary offered by the European Union. It is also a little nod of recognition to the Upper Aude valley, which gives us the perfect conditions for white wine grapes.

The sale of every bottle goes towards funding a scholarship for a Master’s Degree in Conflict Resolution at the University of London’s School of Oriental & Asian Studies.

*Friedrich Schiller in Potsdam
in der Traube goldenen Blut*

“Joy shimmers in the glass / through the grapes’ golden blood”

ODE TO JOY, Friedrich Schiller, 1785.