

PROVENANCE	AOP BLANQUETTE DE LIMOUX Limoux, South of France	
VARIETY	100% Mauzac (Zero Brut)	
TERROIR	350 m / 380 m. altitude. High terrace of Upper Aude Valley Eocene molasse: pebble rich sandstones and marls Confluence of Mediterranean & Atlantic influences. Natura 2000 protected nature reserve.	
VITICULTURE	Sustainable (Terra Vitis)	
YIELD	50 hl / ha; 4,400 vines / ha 25 – 55 year old vines	
VINIFICATION	Hand-picked and hand-sorted Fermented at 14°C in stainless steel vats Second fermentation in the bottle. One year on the lees.	
BOTTLING	Disgorged December 2016 – 12,000 bottles	
ANALYSIS	Alc: 12.37 % Dosage: 0 g/L	Pressure: 5.7 bar Acidity: 64.7 meq/
HARVEST	By hand 07, 08 September 2015. A heat wave in June-July followed by 30 ml of rain in early August changed a textbook vintage into the earliest most unusual harvest we have ever had. Quick reaction coupled with the luck of good weather during the harvest gave us wines full of personality balanced with excellent freshness	
TASTING NOTES	Bright and breezy, firm and frothy, fresh white fruit and cut grass carried by zesty, persistent little bubbles. Refreshing.	
FOOD IDEAS	A nice lift-up apéro. Also with old Dutch cheese/Parmesan; oysters; and * Chef Mark Poynton's smoked/cooked eel. Refreshing antidote to a spicy curry.	

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OLD VINES OF MAUZAC DESIGNATED
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Blanquette de Limoux is the world's first and oldest sparkling wine, discovered by Benedictine monks in the abbey of Limoux some 150 years before Champagne was invented. Our label carries the original calligraphy of a document dated 1542, which attests to the provenance and age of Limoux's famous fizz. Blanquette was much favoured in the 19th century by the Czars of Russia and the President of the USA alike. When Thomas Jefferson died, much of his legendary wine cellar at Monticello was made up of Blanquette de Limoux. This wine has been included amongst Decanter's Top 50, and in the Jancis Robinson's Best Christmas fizz list. Chateau Rives-Blanques is a 20-ha single estate vineyard in the foothills of the French Pyrenees specializing in the white and sparkling wines of Limoux.



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