

<b>PROVENANCE</b>	AOP LIMOUX South of France, Languedoc - Occitanie	
<b>VARIETY</b>	Mauzac 100%	
<b>TERROIR</b>	One designated parcel at 300m. altitude, on the plateau of a high terrace of the Aude valley formed by Eocene molasses, with marl, sandstone, schist and pebbles  Confluence of Mediterranean & Atlantic influences. Natura 2000 EU-protected nature reserve	
<b>VITICULTURE</b>	Organic treatments only, natural cover cropping, in final year returning to organic accreditation (Ecocert).	
<b>YIELD</b>	32 hl/ha yield, 60-80 year-old bush vines planted at 4.400/ha.	
<b>VINIFICATION</b>	Fermented and aged in seasoned oak barrels Grapes picked from one selected parcel of old bushvine Mauzac on the plateau of the terrace. Sorted by hand, gentle pneumatic pressing, only best free-run juice used. Occasional batonnage Filtered to 0.65 microns Rigorous selection of individual barrels.	
<b>BOTTLING</b>	April 2021, 4,500 bottles.	Release date: June 2021
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	Alc: 13.5 % Vol Res Sugar: 1.6 g/L	3.83 g/L Total Acidity pH: 3.16 g/L
<b>HARVEST</b>	By hand, September 15, 2020 the last day of the harvest, and one month earlier than 2019. Yet another unprecedented year: excessively wet in the spring, excessively hot and dry in the summer. As a result, an excellent floraison did not deliver the yield we expected. Quality of the grapes was good, however, thanks also to our westerly wind which prevailed throughout.	
<b>OPTIMUM SERVICE</b>	Benefits from breathing time and service at 12°-14°C., or take out of the refrigerator 10 minutes before serving	

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MAUZAC

*Le Jardin, 60-80 year-old Mauzac bush-vines*



The earliest written record of Mauzac growing in the south west of France goes back to 1525 (Le livre de Raison by Antiquamareto). It is the grape used for Limoux's famous sparkling Blanquette de Limoux, of which the earliest written records date back 1544. In 2020 Rives-Blanques took a big step back in history in order to step forward into the future: we replaced the dying and dead vines in the parcel dedicated to Occitania with 4000 young vines grafted from 100 genetically different and historic Mauzac plants (100 of each) housed at Limoux's Conservatory of Mauzac under the auspices of the Chamber of Agriculture. This makes Rives-Blanques the biggest commercial producer in terms of biodiversity of this historic grape variety. The hope is this genetic diversity will make our Mauzac better equipped to face the challenges of climate change.

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