

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	Ecological: wholly organic treatments, natural cover cropping. In conversion back to organic certification	
YIELD	55 hl / ha; 4,400 vines / ha 15-year old and 50 year-old vines	
VINIFICATION	Grapes picked by hand and a portion by machine, sorted by hand prior to pressing; pneumatic pressing at low pressure Separation of free-run juice; Fermented at 18° in stainless steel tanks, aged 5 months in oak barrels.	
BOTTLING	April 2020, 3,300 bottles / under screwcap	
ANALYSIS	Alc: 12.83%	pH: 3.10
	Res Sugar: 0 g/L	Total acidity: 4.87 g/L
HARVEST	By hand: 12, 20 September; by machine 21 September. A prevailing westerly wind through the growing season favoured extremely good growing conditions. Overall, an excellent year, despite the excessive heat of the summer months, with the hottest day ever recorded at the end of June. The grapes for this wine were picked and pressed in pristine condition	
TASTING NOTES	More volume than its 2016 predecessor, shows a clean, mineral expression of chenin balanced with ripe fruit in the mouth. We expect it to age well.	
FOOD IDEAS	Asian dishes, seafood, shellfish. Oysters!	

AUDE A LA JOIE 2019





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The message in the bottle:

We believe our 'terroir' is wonderfully suited to the chenin blanc grape in its many forms: still, sweet, sparkling and dry. Aude à la Joie is our personal indulgence, a wine we can make only in years when we have an exceptional harvest of chenin blanc.

"Aude à la Joie" is a little pun on the Aude Valley which gives us such perfect conditions for white wine grapes. Quoted on the label under a passage from Ode to Joy, are the words written by Friederich Schiller to accompany this part of Beethoven's famous finale to his 9th Symphony:

"Küssen gab sie uns und Reben [...] Alle Menschen werden Brüder"
(A trail of roses) gave us kisses, and the vine [....] All men will become brothers



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