

PROVENANCE	IGP HAUTE VALLEE DE L'AUDE Limoux, South of France in Occitanie
VARIETY	Chardonnay
TERROIR	300 m /340 m. altitude. High terrace of Upper Aude Valley Eocene molasse: pebble rich sandstones and marls Confluence of Mediterranean & Atlantic influences. Natura 2000 European protected nature reserve.
VITICULTURE	Ecological: wholly organic treatments, natural cover cropping, in (re)conversion to organic certification
YIELD	35 hl / ha; 4,400 vines / ha 25 year old vines average
VINIFICATION	Grapes sorted by hand prior to pressing Pneumatic pressing at low pressure Fermented at 18°, aged 5 months in stainless steel tanks Free-run juice vinified separately
BOTTLING	February 2019 – 11000 bottles.
ANALYSIS	Alc: 12.8 % pH: 3.50 Res Sugar: 0 Total acidity: 3.50 g/L
HARVEST	Before sunrise by machine September 9 and 10. Our prevailing westerly wind was noticeably absent this year, compounding the problems of a very wet spring followed by a hot summer: the result was an unprecedented outbreak of downy mildew. On July 3 we suffered a direct hit by hail. This was the smallest vintage of our history, but we are well satisfied with its quality.
TASTING NOTES	An exuberant nose of yellow flowers, rich and round in the mouth balanced by nice acidity in the finish.

LE CHARDONNAY DU DOMAINE





Limoux celebrated its 80th anniversary as the first appellation of the Languedoc in 2018. Famous for its emblematic Blanquette de Limoux, the world's first sparkling wine, the region has also become respected for its outstanding non-sparkling white wines. This chardonnay falls out of the appellation because it is machine-harvested and wholly vinified in stainless steel tanks. It is the house wine of many Michelin-star restaurants world wide (with their own label). Domaine 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, owned and managed by the second generation of the Panman family. The vineyard is currently reconverting back to organic viticulture accreditation, and follows the Méthode Cousinié principles of soil management.



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