

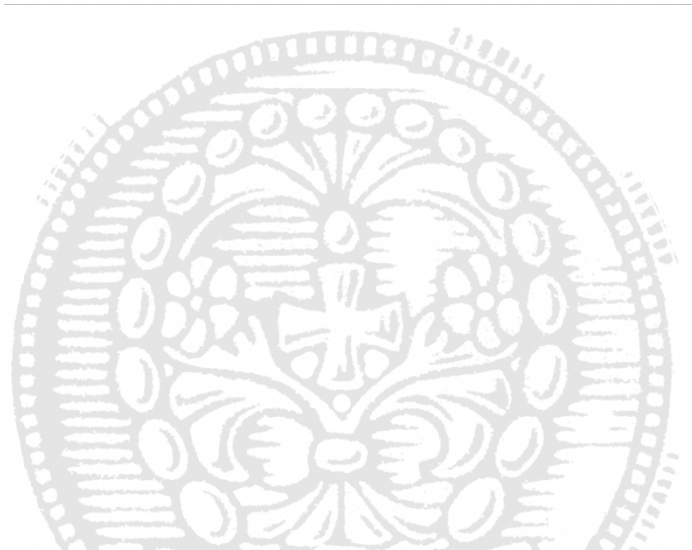
PROVENANCE	AOP BLANQUETTE DE LIMOUX Limoux, Occitanie, South of France
VARIETY	Mauzac 100%
TERROIR	350 m / 380 m. altitude. High terrace of the Upper Aude Valley composed of Eocene Age molasse: pebble-rich sandstones and marls  Confluence of Mediterranean & Atlantic influences. Natura 2000 protected nature reserve.
VITICULTURE	Sustainable – organic treatments only – soil management following the Méthode Cousinié
YIELD	35 hl / ha; 4,400 vines / ha  25 – 55 year old vines
VINIFICATION	Hand-sorted Fermented at 14°C in stainless steel vats Blended, then second fermentation in the bottle  14 months on the lees
BOTTLING	2017 Vintage Disgorged March 2019 3000 bottles
ALYSIS	pH: 3.2      Total Acidity: 4.59 g/L      Alc: 12.50 % Pressure: 6.89 Bar      Residual Sugar: 0 g/L
HARVEST	By hand, 28 August 2017. The year was characterised by 20% less rainfall and dramatic temperature shifts throughout the growing season, resulting in a c.30-40% loss of yield overall and a historically early start to the harvest. Unstable meteorological conditions during the harvest itself complicated the situation, making it entirely possible – even probable - to pick either too early or too late. This bottle shows that we were able to well navigate these challenges - but only thanks to the flexibility of our pickers.
TASTING ASNOTES	Fine persistent bubbles, clean attack, fresh and refreshing: ideal aperitif, and a good partner for oysters, old gouda cheese ... or a spicy Indian curry

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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 19<sup>th</sup> century by the Czars of Russia and the President of the USA alike. When Thomas Jefferson died, 10% of his legendary wine cellar at Monticello was made up of Blanquette de Limoux. In 2018 Limoux celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blanquette de Limoux as the first appellation of the Languedoc. 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, all made from our own grapes. In (re)conversion back to organic.



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50+ year-old Mauzac, traditional bush vines



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