



LAURENT MIQUEL "SOLAS" CHARDONNAY, IGP PAYS D'OC 2018



Since 1791, eight generations of the Miquel family have worked the vines of their estate high in Languedoc hills.

Laurent represents a new generation of French winemakers, combining the force of his ancestors' wisdom with an innovative approach. He is a farmer first and all the grapes that come in the making of his wine are estate grown with an environment friendly farming.

In a region where high alcohol and low acidity wines are legion, Laurent promote a more balanced approach letting the true character of each grape shine with a nice refreshing acidity and a pure finish. To bottle the wine he is using a nitrogen filling line that allows minimal use of sulfites while naturally protecting the wine against oxidation and offering a long-lasting purity.

"Solas" is the Irish for "light" and in Old French means "joy", "pleasure", "enjoyment". A link between Neasa and Laurent origins...

SOIL TYPE _____

Terroir of *Saint Chinian* AOP.
Clay and Limestone subsoil under a stony topsoil cover.
Low yield: 55 hl/ha

VARIETAL _____

100% Chardonnay

CULTURE _____

Sustainable farming. Short pruning to encourage low yielding. Nighttime harvesting to preserve the freshness of the bunches.

VINIFICATION _____

Pneumatic pressing with selection of the finest juices. Must clarification at low temperature. Fermentation in stainless steel vats at 61-63°F. No malolactic fermentation. 6 months ageing in 1-2 years old French oak barrels for 50% of the wine. Light filtration before bottling.

TASTING NOTES _____

Solas Chardonnay is a well-balanced, food-friendly wine which treads the fine line between a subtle oak aged character and crisp minerality. This complex wine shows generous fruit character coupled with a burst of aromatic, crisp pear.

Also available from the estate :

"Père et Fils" Chardonnay, Chard-Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc, Cinsault-Syrah Rosé & Syrah-Grenache

"Nord Sud" Viognier & Syrah

"Solas" Chardonnay

"Lagrasse" Albarino VDF

Auzines Albarino & Languedoc Rosé

