



LAURENT MIQUEL "LAGRASSE" ALBARINO, VIN DE FRANCE 2019



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.

Albarino was first brought to the Galicia region of Spain by the French monks from Cluny along the fabled route de Santiago de Compostela many centuries ago. Laurent's pioneering adventure to repatriate the mythical Albarino grapes to France came to life when he discovered our vineyards high above the village of Lagrasse. Limestone soils coupled with a uniquely cool microclimate and access to water seemed the perfect place for this audacious project.

SOIL TYPE _____

Clay and Limestone. Plateau at 1,200 feet high in the Corbières region
Low yield: 40 hl/ha

VARIETAL _____

100 % Albarino

CULTURE _____

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

VINIFICATION _____

Pneumatic pressing with juice selection. Must clarification at low temperature. Fermentation in stainless steel vats at 61-63°F. No malolactic fermentation. Ageing of up to 4 months on fine lees in stainless. Light filtration. Bottling on the first months of the year following the harvest.

TASTING NOTES _____

Aromas of grapefruit with a delicate floral overtone, the palate is lively and refreshing with generous white peach flavors and a hint of lime on the finish. A soft yet crisp and aromatic white, it illustrates Laurent's signature style of clear pure fruit.

Also available from the estate :

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

"Nord Sud" Viognier & Syrah

*"Solàs" Pinot Noir & Chardonnay
Auzines Albarino & Languedoc Rosé*

