



LAURENT MIQUEL "PÈRE ET FILS"
CHARDONNAY VIOGNIER IGP PAYS D'OC 2020



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.

To pay tribute to his ancestors, he named this range "Père et Fils" (Father and sons). Take a close look to the label and you'll see a vine tree with on its roots all the first name of each of Laurent's forebears.

SOIL TYPE _____

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

VARIETAL _____

65 % Chardonnay – 35 % Viognier

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. Bottling on the first months of the year following the harvest.

TASTING NOTES _____

Characterized by combined aromas of citrus and white peaches, this Chardonnay Viognier is a delicious introduction to the unique flavours of the Viognier. The influence of the early-picked unoaked Chardonnay element is evident on the palate - lemons and clean white fruit flavours. It finishes with rich apricot fruit.

Also available from the estate :

- "Père et Fils" Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cinsault-Syrah Rosé, Syrah-Grenache
- "Nord Sud" Viognier & Syrah
- "Solàs" Pinot Noir & Chardonnay
- "Lagrasse" Albarino VDF
- Auzines Albarino & Languedoc Rosé

