



LAURENT MIQUEL "SOLAS" ALBARINO, IGP PAYS D'OC 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.

"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 Lagrasse in the Corbières AOP. Plateau at 1,200 feet high. Clay and Limestone subsoil under a stony topsoil cover.
Low yield: 50 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 selection of the finest juices. Must clarification at low temperature. Fermentation in stainless steel vats at 61-63°F. Matures on lees in stainless steel tanks.

TASTING NOTES _____

Solas Albarino has aromas of tropical fruit and citrus with delicate floral and mineral overtones. The palate is refreshing with generous exotic fruit character and a hint of lime to the finish. A soft yet crisp and aromatic white, it illustrates Laurent's signature style of clean, pure fruit.

Also available from the estate :

*"Père et Fils" brand Chardonnay, Chard-Viognier, Cinsault-Syrah Rosé & Syrah-Grenache
"Nord Sud" Viognier & Syrah
"Solas" Pinot Noir & Chardonnay
"Lagrasse" Albarino VDF
Auzines Albarino & Languedoc Rosé*

