

SUD DE LA FRANCE

2021 Le Petit Chardonnay - Low Calorie Pays d'Oc



ABOUT THE WINE: With its expertise in Chardonnay, Laroche and Mas la Chevalière is launching a low proof Pays d'Oc wine. The development of this wine is the result of an observation of society's interest in drinking "more responsibly".

2O21 VINTAGE: This vintage was marked by spring frost, resulting in significant disparities among plots and a decrease of the harvest volume. However, the summer then recorded moderate temperatures, without excessive heat during the day and with cool nights. These conditions contributed to a slightly later ripening of the grapes than previous vintages. The first juices immediately unveiled good acidity and a high potential aromatic profile, which was confirmed during the winemaking process.

VINEYARD REGIONS: Made from grapes selected from cool terroirs in the Orb valley and the Limoux area.

VINIFICATION: The fruit was pressed at night to avoid oxidation and limit the use of sulphur. This was followed by a light settling and a slow fermentation with Chardonnay friendly yeasts (Burgundian). The wine is aged on fine lees for 4 to 5 months. A small percentage is aged in wood (7.5%) To be noted is the use of vegetable fining agents (wine is vegan) before cold stabilization. Finally, after aging, 20% of the alcohol is removed using a technique respectful of the wine, preserving its aromatic potential.

TASTING NOTES: "This Petit Chardonnay is very aromatic with lovely floral and citrus notes. On the palate, the structure of this wine, lighter than a classic Chardonnay, has a nice acidity that balances with the low alcohol level. The smooth and crisp finish makes it a very pleasant wine"

– Winemaker, Géraud Blanc

BEHIND THE WINE: The Petit Chardonnay is presented in an enameled bottle eco designed with a recyclable cork made from sugar cane derivatives. It's "nautical" style was inspired by the nine locks of Fonseranes an Unesco World Heritage site located 5 minutes from Mas La Chevalière.

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Chardonnay

ALCOHOL: 9.5%

