



MAS LA CHEVALIERE

LANGUEDOC

2023 CHARDONNAY IGP PAYS D'OC

"La Chevalière," or "the knight's lady," is a reference to "Mas La Chevalière" which is literally the "farmhouse of the knight's lady," the Laroche winery in southern France where this wine is produced.

WINERY

Michel Laroche was one of the pioneers in the resurgence of quality winemaking in the south of France in the early 1980s. In 1996, he created Mas La Chevalière, a state-of-the-art winery on the grounds of a splendid 18th-century guesthouse, with the goal of producing wines that truly reflect the diversity of the Southern French varietals, climate and terroir.

WINE

A flagship wine of Laroche in the Languedoc, the Chardonnay comes from a wide range of origins to build complexity in the wine, including: Minervois, Béziers, Agde, Bédarieux, Montpellier and Nîmes. A classic signature of Laroche, always delivering fresh and elegant white fruit flavors and delicious acidity.

VINEYARDS

The Orb Valley, in which Mas la Chevalière is located, has various landscapes coming one after another, and they have been all shaped and cultivated for centuries. Vine has been paramount since Antiquity with well-designed plots. The 15-25 year old vineyards are moderated by a maritime influence which provides cooler, fresher conditions. The soil is varied, with clay and limestone predominant.

VITICULTURE

"Lutte raisonnée," or "reasoned protection," (using intervention only when required); primarily cordon pruning with fruit thinning and high trellising in the vineyards.

VINTAGE NOTES

2023 was marked by a drought, especially in Hérault, Audois coast, and Pyrénées Orientales. However, Mas partnership areas (Limoux, northern Hérault, and Gard) were spared. Harvest began on 16 August 2023, early morning with Chardonnays. Pre-harvest temperatures, cool nights, and moderate days, retained grape acidity. Despite mid-August heat, our responsive team (night harvesting, plot selections) and cold-pressing maximized juice potential. Our cool, high-altitude terroirs shone, with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir offering diverse aromas. Overall, 2023 produced homogeneous wine qualities: fine balance in whites and good concentration in reds, respecting grape variety expression.

WINEMAKING

Supervised at the property of origin by the Laroche team; whole bunches are crushed in pneumatic press, then 24 hours settling at 12°C to 15°C (53°F to 59°F) to allow the aromas to be absorbed into the must. 12 days of fermentation at 15°C (59°F) in stainless-steel tanks. No malolactic fermentation. Minimum filtration to preserve maximum natural character of the wine, then bottled under low pressure on a bottling line designed to protect quality.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Chardonnay has a bright gold color. The nose has hints of white-fleshed fruit and citrus. It is fresh and fruity on the palate with a salty finish. A straightforward Chardonnay with good acidity and minerality.



VINEYARD

Region: Languedoc
Appellation: IGP Pays d'Oc
Soil: Clay and Limestone
Age: 15-25 years old
Eco-Practices: Sustainable
Solar

WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Chardonnay
Aging: 5 months in stainless-steel tanks,
no barrel aging

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 13%

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