

# VIN DE PAYS CHARENTAIS: SAUVIGNON BLANC

## Style

White, dry.

## Region

Charente Maritime.

## Wine Maker

Jean-Pierre & Lionel Gardrat

## Appellation

Vin de Pays Charentais, situated on the west coast of France, north of Bordeaux, outside the village of Cozes, which is 15km South-East of Royan.

## Cépage

100% Sauvignon Blanc

## Tasting Note

Classic nettley aromas and a zesty, citrus-edged palate lead to a crisp, fresh finish.

## Serve with

Seafood, simple salads or as an aperitif.

## Cellarage

Best enjoyed within 2 years of vintage.

## Vinification

Machine harvested grapes grown on calciferous limestone soil which are pressed then vinified in stainless steel vats. The finished wine is bottled early the following spring to preserve its aromas and fresh, zesty characteristics.

## History

We are indebted to our friend Isabelle Legeron MW who researched Sauvignon Blanc cultivation in her native Charente-Maritime for her Master of Wine thesis and generously advised us where to seek out the best wines. Our inaugural visit to Domaine Gardrat, just outside the village of Cozes, 15 kilometres south-west of Royan and inland from the Gironde estuary, was both enlightening and fruitful. Here the Gardrat family farm 35 Hectares where they produce clean, fruity varietal Vin de Pays as well as the local speciality Pineau des Charentes, a mixture of grape juice and Cognac.

