

COLLIOURE: LES CANADELLS DOMAINE DE LA TOUR VIEILLE

Style

White, Dry, Full-bodied

Region

Languedoc Roussillon

Wine Maker

Christine Campadiéu and Vincent Cantié

Appellation

Collioure, south of Perpignan, where the Mediterranean meets the Pyrenees.

Cepage

30% Vermentino, 20% Grenache Gris, 20% Grenache Blanc, 20% Macabeau and 10% Roussanne.

Tasting Note

A wonderful esoteric, slightly resinous, full bodied, dry white wine with subtle, sherry-like aromas and wild herb and mineral tastes.

Serve with

Seafood (particularly calamari), poultry and fish, especially the local delicacy, anchovies.

Cellarage

Drinking well now but will keep for 2-3 years.

Vinification

The climate is well suited to viticulture as plenty of sunshine ensures optimum ripening conditions for the grapes whilst the strong Tramontane wind keeps the vines pest free. Grown on 100% schist, only the best fruit is picked 'à la main bien sûr!' from 30-year-old vines. The wine is pressed in the Vaslin-Bucher press and bottled at the beginning of the following summer.

History

Christine (from Banyuls) and Vincent (from Collioure) are respectively 4th and 3rd generation winemakers in this region. They met in 1989 and Domaine la Tour Vieille was created in 1982. Since then they have worked to "develop and maintain the domaine and feel really happy". Domaine la Tour Vieille now comprises 32 acres of vines, meticulously farmed by hand.

