

CÔTES DE PROVENCE

DOMAINE RICHAUME BLANC DE BLANCS

Style

White, Dry

Region

Provence

Producer

Henning & Sylvain Hoesch

Appellation:

Côtes de Provence, below Mont Sainte Victoire at Puyloubier.

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Tasting Note:

The wine shows mineral and floral characters on the nose leading to a rich, deftly oaked palate of white orchard fruit and mineral undertones.

Serve

White Fish and Poultry dishes from Provence.

Cellarage

It will age happily for five years but drinks well from bottling.

Vinification

Organically produced, hand harvest grapes from 71 year old vines with a yield of 30 hectolitres per hectare. The Clairette vines are some of the oldest on the Domaine and are planted on argilo-calcaire soils this gives the finished wine a pronounced minerality as well as an aromatic elegance. Approximately 5% of the wine is matured in 1-2 year old wooden barrels for eight months.

History

Domaine Richeaume is widely recognised as one of the finest estates in Provence and is the creation of a German expatriate, Henning Hoesch and his Swiss French wife. Since 1972 Henning, a cello-playing, art-loving, intellectual has slowly developed his vine holdings, adhering strictly to the principles of culture biologique., The Domaine is located on the slopes of the Massif de Cenge, which has the impressive backdrop of Mont Saint Victoire, a scene so often painted by the artist Cezanne, and consists of 200 acres of land, with 60 planted to vines. In addition, the Hoesch family farms 12 acres of olive orchards, 50 acres of grain, and maintains 75 acres of pasture for sheep. It's a polyculture farm, and Henning and Sylvain have intentionally maintained this culture as a way of preserving natural balance. Manure from the sheep is composted with other organic material grown on the farm, and then spread in the vineyards and orchards. Sylvain learnt his trade at Ridge Vineyards in California as well as with Penfolds in Australia., ensuring that a hint of modern New World know-how is combined with traditional French Provençal style and techniques



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