

LE PARADOU

Description

“Paradou” in the old Provençal language, the “langue d’oc,” does not mean “paradise” but refers to the old watermills that once dotted the landscape. Le Paradou is indeed a former watermill owned by the Chaudière Family and the guest house of Château Pesquié. Frédéric & Alexandre Chaudière, the new generation of the family have selected great Viognier plots at the foot of the Mount Ventoux and at the foot of the Cévennes (South East of the Central Mountain, the « Massif Central ») between Montpellier and Nîmes to make a very fresh and elegant Le Paradou white.

Soil

Limestone slopes, with a little bit of clay, at an average altitude of about 200 meters (650 ft).

Grapes

100% Viognier.

Vinification

The grapes are destemmed and placed in stainless steel vats. They are kept at low temperature for nearly 15 hours for the skin maceration phase. The must is pressed and raked at low temperature. The malolactic transformation is blocked to keep a good natural acidity. No oak ageing at all for this very light style of viognier.

Tasting notes

Golden color with silvery glints, clear and bright. Nose of white flowers, white fruits (peach). In mouth, very fresh and balanced, with citrus aromas (lemon), white fruits and a great minerality.

Food & Wine pairing

A favorite as an aperitif, Le Paradou Viognier is one of those rare wines that can be paired with asparagus. Very elegant with grilled fishes, fried squid, scallops, it emphasizes dishes with cheese such as Parmigiano Risotto and goes well with goat cheeses. For desserts, with apricot pie or even strawberry soups.

Serve around 10°C / 50°F.

Press

- Irish Times - November 28th 2015 “Bottle of the week” (vintage 2014)
- Jancis Robinson : 15/20 “sweet and candied ” (vintage 2012).
- Jeb Dunnuck (The Wine Advocate, December 2013) : 87 points, « beautifully fresh and classic viognier » (vintage 2012).



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