

# DOMAINE DE LA MOTTE



## Chardonnay

IGP Pays d'Oc, Languedoc, France

### VARIETY

100% Chardonnay

### VINIFICATION

Domaine de La Motte is located in the Languedoc region of southern France, a few miles north of Narbonne, on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. The estate lies just outside Corbierres and Minervois on the alluvial soils of the Aude riverbed. An intense northwesterly wind called "Le Mistral" keeps the region sunny, but not too hot, making this area near perfect for growing wine grapes. Chardonnay is particularly well suited the Domaine's gravel and sandy clay soil, and here it achieves elegance and freshness. Grapes are hand harvested at night, then crushed and destemmed as soon as they arrive in the winery. The must is transferred to temperature controlled stainless steel tanks where select yeast is added. After five weeks of gentle fermentation, the wine ages on its lees for one month, with regular stirring. The finished wine is filtered and kept in the tanks until bottling so only the freshest wine is shipped to market.

### DOMAINE

Domaine de La Motte is owned and run by the Bonfils family, whose wine making history began in 1870 when Honorine and Joseph Bonfils were exiled to Algeria. Here, Honorine planted vines and became the first woman to receive the Medal of Agricultural Merit. By the 1970s, the family had returned to France and began buying vineyards, including a nice parcel in Capetang where Domaine de La Motte is now produced. Today, the three Bonfils brothers run the winery. Jérôme manages the vineyards, Olivier makes the wines, and Laurent handles the marketing and business management.

### TASTING NOTE

Dry and crisp, this medium-bodied wine spotlights fragrant aromas of honey and tropical fruit while its creamy texture is layered with melon, white peach and citrus flavors.

### FOOD PAIRING

Try pairing with Brie and other soft cheeses, grilled fish, shellfish and crab cakes. Complements mildly spiced tomato-based curries and pasta dishes.

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