

DOMAINE DE LA MOTTE



Sauvignon Blanc

IGP Pays d'Oc, Languedoc, Capestang, France

VARIETY

100% Sauvignon Blanc

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 Corbières and Minervois on the alluvial soil 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. Sauvignon Blanc is well suited the Domaine’s gravel and sandy clay soil, and here it achieves freshness and balance. 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 Capestang 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

Crisp, dry and refreshing, this medium-bodied wine begins with the aromas and flavors of white blossoms, peach, lemongrass and grapefruit, all balanced with bright acidity.

FOOD PAIRING

Try pairing with goat cheese, grilled fish, shellfish and chicken, sushi and light salads.

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