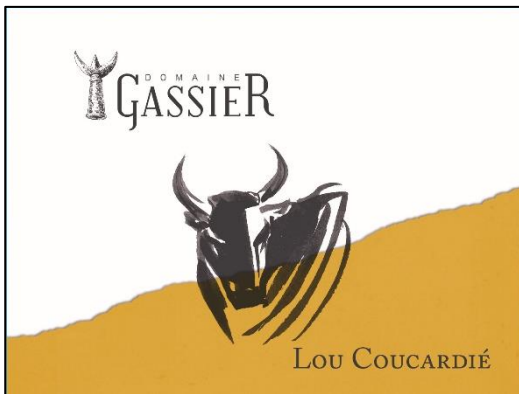


DOMAINE GASSIER - LOU COUCARDIE WHITE 2016



This cuvée is baptized after our regional bull - a noble adversary in our tradition of bull games where man is pursued by beast, not the other way around. Strong and courageous, he embodies our ideal. Here we're exploring new territories with the hope of finding the most intimate expression of our terroir.

The 2016 vintage was characterized by a wet spring and a hot summer with cool nights that fostered freshness. The whites of this vintage are full and aromatic with a brightness and much balance.

Terroirs: "galets" and sandy limestone over beds of "safres" and chalk - AOP Costières de Nîmes - Certified Organic

Varietals: 40% Roussanne, 40% Grenache Blanc & 20% Viognier

Vinification:

- o certified organic agriculture
- o selection of parcels of old vines with naturally small yields
- o manual harvest with sorting & skin contact maceration at cold temperature
- o direct press in absence of oxygen to preserve the acidity with no added SO₂
- o fermentation by native yeasts in French oak barrels (500L)
- o aging on lees with bâtonnage for 9 months
- o partial malolactic fermentation
- o One single bottling run without filtration

Tasting Notes:

- o *Appearance:* its beautiful robe mingles deep gold and green hues
- o *Nose:* the powerful display of complex aromas is layered with a multitude of surprising scents: white flowers, beeswax, sweet spices, star-anise, violet, and vanilla
- o *Taste:* the incredibly dense body, both soft and rich, delivers fully ripe fruits flavors. The finish is an aromatic bounty that offers a delicate harmony that you will long remember.

Accolades:

90 pts - *Wine Spectator*

91 pts - *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*

93 pts - *Jeb Dunnuck*

16,5/20 - *Bettane & Desseauve 2019*

Ageing Potential: enjoy now or cellar 5 years

Food & Wine Pairing: serve at 55°F (12°C)

cheeses	meats	seafood	garden	herbs	method	sauces	desserts
aged Salers	rabbit	lobster	truffles	tarragon	stir fry	scallion	pears
truffled goat	veal	scallops	cabbage	star anise	sautéed	balsamic	gingerbread
	pork	swordfish	spinach	ginger	raw	sésame	dried fruits



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