

Ch. de Fontarèche 2018 Corbières Blanc Vieilles Vignes

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| WineWise Code | FCF-COB18 |
| Country | France |
| Region | Languedoc-Roussillon |
| Subregion | Aude |
| Color | White |
| Alcohol by Volume | 13.5 |
| Acidity | 0 |
| Residual Sugar | 0 |
| Closure | Natural Cork |
| Annual cases produced | 4400 cases |
| Varieties | 40% Roussane, 40% Grenache, 20% Vermentino |
| Maceration Notes | Maceration 3 hours in the press |
| Destemming | Complete |
| Fermentation vessel | Stainless Steel |
| Fermentation duration | 20 days |
| Aging method | Stainless Steel 100% |
| Aging duration (months) | 3 months |
| Filtered? | Yes |
| Fining agents | Isinglass |
| Yeast | Cultured |
| Lees Contact or Stirring | No |
| Malolactic | No |
| Added Sulfur | Yes, 30mg/L |
| Soil Type(s) | Gravel, Calcareous |
| Elevation (meters) | 20 |
| Vineyard Aspect | South |
| Vine age (years) | 20 |
| Vine Yields hl/ha | 30 |
| Farming practices | Sustainable |
| Vine Training Notes | Cordon double 4 years training |
| Grape Picking | Machine |

Notes from the producer:

One of the very few white Corbières on the market.

The first mention of Fontarèche can be found in a deed dated 984, in which Sieur ERMENGAUD, the Archbishop of Narbonne, granted someone named Sifrède 'the smallholding known as Fontareche with the tower that is there, except for the church and ecclesiastical elements' as an honorary fiefdom. He would feed sixteen knights every year.

In 1201, the Archbishop of Narbonne commissioned a moated fortress in Fontarèche. Towards the late 17th century, Fontarèche acquired the status of a 'specific seigneurie' and became the property of nobles.



WineWise Notes:

We have had our eyes on this ancient estate for several years now, and could resist its allure no longer after tasting this impressive collection of wines from 2016. With a history dating back to the tenth century, the current domaine consists of 200 hectares that encircle a fortress constructed in the 12th century. It has been in the ownership of the Comte de Lamy's family for nine generations, but there is nothing remotely antique about the methods they now employ. The 145 hectares planted to vine lie equally in Corbiere's appellation and the surrounding IGP's. The multiplicity of terroirs in this expansive terrain enables them to grow no fewer than 17 different varieties, including some interlopers. We, of course, have chosen to select an introductory range derived exclusively from autochthonous varieties. You will be impressed.



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