

Domaine Fontchêne Alpilles Blanc Aupiho

ABOUT THE ESTATE

- Based in Les Baux-de-Provence, Domaine Fontchêne is an exciting new project from René Milan.
Working with family vineyards, René has converted his land to organic and biodynamic farming, guided by local natural winemakers like Eloi Dürrbach and Dominique Hauvette.
- Work in the vineyards is of paramount importance and includes ébourgeonnage in the spring and biodynamic preparations.
- Fermentation and aging are non-interventionist, with native yeast, sulfur used only at bottling, and limited bâtonnage and racking.
- René strives to produce authentic wines, where balance and freshness take precedence over concentration and power.

APPELLATION

Alpilles

SUB-REGION

Les Baux-de-Provence

GRAPE VARIETY

22% Marsanne, 22% Roussanne, 22% Grenache Blanc, 18% Clairette, 16% Chardonnay

FARMING

Sustainable, Organic, Biodynamic

SOIL

Clay-loam with galets roulés

VINEYARDS & VITICULTURE

Selection massale only for replanting. Biodynamic practices in the vineyard, with emphasis on biodynamic preparations 500 and 501. Stopped cutting the apex growth in 2018.

HARVEST & VINIFICATION

Manual harvest in 15 kg boxes. Whole bunch pressing. Natural settling at approximately 10°C. Alcoholic fermentation in 225-liter barrels, each variety separately, at a temperature between 18°C and 20°C. Aging in barrel on the fine lees for 12 months with stirring to bring complexity, weight and fruit.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

13.5

PACK SIZE

6x750mL

