

Cap Béar White

Region

AOP Collioure

Winemaker notes

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Viticultural Notes

Bush-trained Grenache Gris vines are planted on terraced schist slopes that meet at the Mediterranean sea. Grapes are hand-harvested via multiple passes through the vineyard selecting plots that are at optimal ripeness. Yields average 15hl/ha.

Vintage Notes

2016 Vintage: The vintage started off slowly after a mild winter. The Roussillon was thankfully spared of the frosts that hit the near-by Languedoc and much of the rest of France. The growing season would be characterized as hotter and drier than usual. The lack of moisture resulted in smaller yields and smaller berries on each bunch. Into August, the evening temperatures were cooler than usual, keeping the acidities elevated in the grapes. The coastal region of Collioure was moderated by Mediterranean sea breezes. The white wines powerful yet display remarkable elegance and freshness. When consumed young, the wine will be dominated by plush, ripe fruit but with age the structure and acidity will allow the wine to evolve beautifully with time.

Wine	Cap Béar White
Estate	Domaine des Clos de Paulilles
Vintage	2016
Varietal	100% Grenache Gris
Region	AOP Collioure
Vine Age	40-50 years
Soil	Schist
Farming	Certified Organic
Fermentation	Fermentation in concrete egg-shaped tanks
Aging	Aging on lees in a combination of concrete eggs and demi-muids for 8 months.
Alcohol	14%

