



1215 Wine Bar & Coffee Lab

Les Hautes Terres, Blanc 2021

Varietal:

Chardonnay, Mauzac

Region:

Languedoc, France

Farming:

Practicing Organic

Soil Type:

Marl, Fossils

Fermentation:

Concrete

Dry/Sweet:

Dry

Body:

3/5

Acid:

3/5

Tannin:

0/5

ABOUT THE WINE

December came up on us fast! Perhaps we feel the same every year, how can we be already at the end? With this realization we are forced to stop a minute and take stock of how we lived in and through another year. None of us do this the same, just as none of our year's experience will be the same, but this feeling of bittersweetness never escapes us. No matter how difficult the year, there are always the joyful moments that carry us along. Thinking about this while taking stock of our own year, we realized we had to have this beautiful white from Geneviève and Gilles Azam in this month's wine club.

"Located in the Aude valley, on the very edge of Languedoc, a remarkably beautiful place filled with ancient stories. Geneviève and Gilles live and work at the very top of a 600m summit overlooking land that was once occupied by the armies of Charlemagne. You can see why. It's covered in jutting limestone rocks creating an infinity of discrete microclimates and sloped vineyards. It was a place known for the most brutal warriors who apocryphally ate sword spears in their salads and shaved with pistol shot. The Domaine's crest is a chess piece called the rook or castle in homage to this history. It's a harsh wilderness which requires a courage and temperament that is embodied perfectly by Gilles and Geneviève. Their home and cellar comes from Gilles's grandfather, atop a rocky cliff called *d'amour dur*, or tough love. Where the wilderness surrounding certainly grounds the *dur* aspect of this place, Gilles and Geneviève are all love. For 20 years they've been slowly building the domain... From here they help out a lot of smaller winemakers, offering equipment and expertise. They know the land well and take a lot of pride in their viticultural map of the place. Each little divot in the pockmarked landscape has its issues, but their wines have turned these idiosyncrasies into complexity and character. Like a lot of winemakers, they say they are speaking through limestone and mauzac and chardonnay, etc. In the wines' transparency, these vigneronns have a lot to say."

Not only do we love this wine, which is perfect for the season, but this idea of love persisting and being strengthened through the difficulties, and not just in spite of them, but often because of them speaks volumes to us. It's also truly what happens with the best wines; the vine's year is much like ours full of bright spots and difficult spells, and that persistence leads to our favorite beverage!

We hope your year's joyful moments and periods give you a smile heading into the holidays and sustain you in the new year!

Notes of round apple with a hint of tropicality, some peppery and lemony notes finish it out.

