



DOMAINE ORATOIRE SAINT-MARTIN

Cairanne Blanc 'Haut Coustias'

The finest leaders lead by example, and that is exactly what Frédéric and François Alary of Oratoire Saint-Martin in Cairanne have done for decades. Their personal modesty belies their unparalleled talent in crafting organically raised wines that speak of southern landscapes and summer-ripe flavors. The best wines of Cairanne are marked above all by an effortless finesse in both perfume and flavor. While other lower-land southern Rhône struggle with heat and higher alcohol, Cairanne's top wines from its chalky hills are poised and pure. This character is preserved faithfully at Oratoire; here the soul of the wine comes directly from the soil and the vine.



WINERY: Domaine L'Oratoire Saint-Martin

WINEMAKERS: Frédéric and François Alary (brothers)

ESTABLISHED: 1692

REGION: FRANCE • Rhône Valley • Cairanne

APPELLATION: Cairanne AOC

BLEND: 40% Marsanne, 40% Roussanne, 10% Clairette and 10% Grenache Blanc

VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards are located in the northeastern part of Cairanne, on a series of hills locally referred to as the "mountain." Soils are a unique mix of clay and chalk; the combination of mineral soils and high-altitude means flavorful, ripe yet balanced wines with moderate levels of alcohol. The lieu-dit 'Haut Coustias' faces full south.

AGE OF VINES: 70 to 90 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Pressed full cluster; fermented on indigenous yeasts in demi-muid. Marsanne and Roussanne are aged in demi-muid; Clairette and Grenache Blanc are aged in tank. The wine is assembled after aging. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of pear skin, fresh quince, lemon blossom. Plush flavors of poached white fruits, toasted almonds; very long.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Lobster or crab; Thai curry; washed-rind, ripe French cheeses



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