

LA CROIX BELLE

2020 Le Champ des Lys, PGI Côtes de Thongue Languedoc-Roussillon

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ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Just outside the city of Montpellier lie the vineyards of La Croix Belle, a family owned and operated Domaine that traces its roots in the region through more than two centuries. In 1977, already convinced of the region's rich terroir, Jacques and Françoise Boyer were not content to only pursue operation of the family wine estate, but to make a radical shift to strive for quality above all. The first step called for replanting the vineyard, continually improving the winegrowing techniques inherited from earlier generations, and seriously reducing yield to harvest healthy, concentrated grapes for wines with character.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

The "Champ des Lys" ("Field of Lilies") is the name for a plot of the vineyard with a great many wild irises, also commonly called "lilies" here. The soil is clayish-calcareous with subsoil of gravel and pebbles.

20 year old vines

ABOUT THE WINE

50% Viognier, 20% Grenache Blanc,
20% Chardonnay, 10% Sauvignon Blanc
5% of the blend comes from vinification in oak casks to add
richness and complexity.

Aged 6 months in tanks, on lees with stirring.

TASTING NOTES

Golden yellow with brilliant tints. Wonderfully complex aromas on the nose with notes of confited lemon. A ripe, fleshy wine; long and spicy finish on the palate.

