



## CAIRANNE BLANC "HAUT COUSTIAS"

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*Vintage*           **2013**  
*Producer*       **DOMAINE DE L'ORATOIRE SAINT  
MARTIN**  
*Country*         **FRANCE**  
*Alcohol*         **13.5%**

*Composition:*  
**50% MARSANNE, 40% ROUSANNE, 10%  
VIOGNIER**

### VINEYARD

Soils of limestone and clay and vines are at least 45 years old.

### VINIFICATION

Harvesting and sorting of grapes done by hand, immediate pressing in a pneumatic press, fermentation in barrels without yeast additives.



### THE STORY

Since André Alary in 1692, ten generations of grape growers from one to the next for over 300 years have worked on the same vineyard. Frédéric and François Alary have taken over the farm in 1984 and work 25 hectares on the Saint Martin hillsides including the oratoire, built in the middle of the vineyard, which gave its name to the estate.

The main part of the domain is situated to the north east of Cairanne 200 metres from the hills of Rasteau in a zone commonly called "la Montagne" in the LES DOUYES et SAINT MARTIN districts. They are steep-sloped and the steeper parts require the usage of a caterpillar. It is a very stony soil with yellow clay on the surface and blue clay deeper and a very high percentage of active limestone.

### TASTING NOTES

Pale yellow in color. Aromas of pear, quince and white blossoms. Hints of grilled almonds with a rich and long finish.

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