



CLAIRETTE DE DIE "CUVÉE TRADITION"

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Vintage **NV**
Producer **POULET ET FILS**
Country **FRANCE**
Region **RHONE**

Composition:
CLAIRETTE & MUSCAT BLANC À PETITS GRAINS

THE STORY

In wine terms, the Die area is included in the Rhône Valley region (though it doesn't fit into either north or south categories); the town of Die is 50km (30 miles) southeast of Valence and the vineyards follow the Drôme River, a tributary of the Rhône. The vineyards are some of the highest in France (higher than most in Savoie, for example), lying between 400 and 700 meters with a climate that is a cross between semi-continental and semi-Mediterranean.

TASTING NOTES

Supple and structured, yet light on the palate, this wine offers a bouquet of berries and cherries with notes of pepper, cooked prune, and moss as well as well-balanced tannins. Enjoy this wine with delicate, aromatic dishes like vegetable salads, simmered beef and vegetables, veal, and hard cheeses.

VINEYARD

Vines were planted in soils which are the product of thousands of years of erosion – a combination of chalky clays and sedimentary rocks in the craggy outcrops of glacial rock formations and the high cliff faces of the Alpine foothills.

VINIFICATION

The "methode ancestrale", sometimes called the "methode dioise", produces slightly sweeter wines, with more grapey flavors. The wines are fermented once rather than twice, the process being started in wooden or steel tanks. After this first stage, the wine is transferred to bottles – without the addition of either sugar or yeast – where the fermentation continues and runs its course naturally. There is no disgorgement stage, so the proportion of the lees that were transferred from tank to bottle remain until the wine is finally consumed, often giving it a slightly cloudy appearance.

VITICULTURE

Clairette de Die is an appellation known for sparkling white wines around the town of Die, in the low alpine foothills of the eastern Rhone Valley in France. It is one of only two sparkling wine appellations in the Rhone region.

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