

2020 DOMAINE DE NIZAS

LE CLOS BLANC



WINEMAKER: François Lurton Winemaking Team
REGION: Pays d'Oc France
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc (70%), Viognier (30%)
MATURATION: Stainless steel
ANALYSIS: 11.5% alc/vol | pH: 3.32

VINEYARD: The terroir of Pézenas is one of the most complex in France. Surrounded by Garrigue (the local countryside's abundant wild herbs) the vineyard is a unique mosaic of three deep, well-draining soil types. River pebbles (Villafranchian) impart freshness and fine tannins while limestone creates powerful wines with red fruit aromas. Basalt soils are also present and result in wines with complex aromas and an elegant structure. Ever mindful of the importance of having a long-term view, Domaine de Nizas' vineyard has been certified sustainable since 2007 and is in conversion to be organic in 2023.

WINEMAKING: Individual parcels of Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier grapes were harvested at low sugar levels to ensure bright fruit character and low alcohol in the finished wine. After the grapes were crushed, the press wine was blended with the free run juice to increase palate weight. The juice was inoculated with selected yeast strains to maintain the fruity characters and then was fermented cold. To retain and highlight the fruit freshness of Le Clos Blanc, the wine was fermented and aged in stainless steel.

TASTING NOTES: Crisp, bright, and vivacious, Le Clos Blanc is an aromatic white blend boasting a bouquet of white flowers, citrus and tropical fruit. The bright entry reveals lychee, white peach, and grapefruit flavors. Lemon-lime and balanced acidity carry through the clean, gentle, lingering finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts JamesSuckling.com

ABOUT DOMAINE DE NIZAS: Domaine de Nizas is located near the medieval village of Pézenas in the heart of the Languedoc region. Originally established in 1998, the winery is coveted for its diversity of rich and rare soil types, vineyards cooled by a northerly wind, and a history of wine production dating back to the 7th Century. In 2018, legendary Domaines François Lurton acquired the winery. Lurton has taken over the winegrowing and winemaking, with one goal in mind - to express the true potential of the exceptional terroir of Pézenas, the ideal place to produce quality wines, with extraordinary depth.

