

# VILLA MINNA 2014 Blanc



VILLA MINNA is a 15ha family estate located in the heart of Provence with a north and a south exposition resting on a ground made up of “collines” and “garrigues” and a limestone soil characterized by fossils where the vine fully expresses its aromatic potential.

VILLA MINNA is planted with Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mourvèdre, Caladoc and Marselan for the red wines, and Vermentino, Roussanne and Marsanne for the whites; the varieties have been selected for optimal quality.

VILLA MINNA subscribes to the “Nutrition Méditerranéenne en Provence” charter and to the **organic agriculture**, a philosophy which has always been part of the way we work. We do not use herbicides, pesticides or chemical fertilizers. The vineyard soil is ploughed “à la charrue”. We encourage the auxiliary fauna and natural predators.

We grind up the cuttings after pruning and plough them back into the soil to return the nutrients to the vines. We keep treatments to a strict minimum, giving preference to preventive measures, such as trellising, in order to achieve a large leaf area and good ventilation around the bunches of grapes. Our yields are extremely low at **around 25 hectolitres per hectare**, as a result of close pruning, careful removal of non-fruiting buds and green harvests during the summer, depending on the grape variety and the numbers of bunches.

**The grapes are picked entirely by hand** when each variety has fully ripened (from mid-September for the marsanne, followed by the vermentino and the roussanne and again the Vermentino for a second harvest at the end of September) with strict selection of the bunches which are harvested in crates to avoid them being crushed.

**Vinification of the white wines** is carried out in oak barrels and small stainless steel tanks (15 hl) by grape variety and exclusively with the **natural yeasts** present on the grapes. We then let the **malolactic fermentation** take place naturally, keeping each grape variety separate; which enables the addition of sulphites to this wine to be kept to a minimum.

**VILLA MINNA Blanc is matured** in small stainless steel vats (70% of the vintage) and **oak barrels** (30% of the vintage) **on fine lees with « bâtonnage »**, in our underground cellar, protected from temperature fluctuations, for 12 months.

This method, which preserves the freshness of the flavours, gives naturally clear wines with great aromatic complexity. The wines for each variety are then blended to obtain a harmonious, balanced final wine. The wine is lightly filtered in our cellars before bottling, to preserve all of its personality.

**VILLA MINNA Blanc is commercialized 2 years after the harvest.**

**Colour :** White

**Vintage :** 2014



**Bio ECOCERT**

**Appellation :**

IGP Pays des Bouches du Rhône

**Grapes Variety :**

Vermentino 49%,

Marsanne 44%,

Roussanne 7%

**Harvest :** mid-september 2014

**Vineyard Surface Area :** 7,64 Ha

**White Grape Variety Surface area:** 2.50 Ha.

**Output:** 37,32 Hl./Ha.

13,5% VOL.

**Temperature:** 12°

**Ageing :** from 10 to 15 years



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