Domaine 'ALZIPRATU

Cismonte Blanc 2020

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CORSICA, FRANCE
WINEMAKERS PIERRE & MARC ANDRIA ACQUAVIVA

Located 8km from Calvi in Balagne, in the north-west of the island of Corsica, the wine domaine was created in the 1960's by Baron Henry Louis de La Grange, owner of the Convent of Alzipratu. The domaine was run by Maurice Acquaviva before being taken over by his son Pierre and his wife Cécilia, who today are joined by son Marc Andria.

The 40 hectare vineyard is composed of several south-facing parcels and is split into two different parts. The first is located north of the convent, near to Zilia, and the second is situated 10 km west of the village of Calenzana, in the upper Figarella valley. The Alzipratu vineyards are planted primarily to traditional Corsican varieties, and lie at the foothills of Monte Grossu (the peak of which is 1950 m.a.s.l.); and just a few minutes from the coast. As a result, the vines benefit from sharply contrasting climatic influences due to their proximity to both the sea and the mountains.



Vineyard source: This wine comes from vineyards planted on a south facing slope in the high valley of Bonifatu.

Blend: Vermentinu 100%.

Winemaking: The grapes were harvested at optimum ripeness levels in the first week of September. The wine was vinified and aged for 4th months in clay jars, during which time the wine is stirred daily to increase contact with the lees. The traditional clay jars are very porous, giving the wine its distinctive complexity - testimony to another winemaking era.

Tasting note: Deeper straw yellow in colour. The nose is intensely fruity (yellow peaches) with a hint of exotic tropical fruits and florals. The palate is richly textured but with exquisite acid balance and the benchmark saline minerality at its core. Long and satisfying.

Service: Serve lightly chilled with fresh langoustines (crayfish); Corsican Chicken, grilled octopus or Brocciu (Brocciu is a local cheese made from sheep or goat's milk).

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