

## **Vineyards**

Massaya Blanc is made with Clairette, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and *Obeidi*, a fragile, soft-skinned indigenous grape, all cultivated in our vineyards in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley at an altitude of 900 to 1,200 meters. Cradled in the shadow of the Lebanon mountain range, the rich clay and limestone vineyards are shielded from the heavy rain and snow that fall in the mountains to the west. Free of frost, the Bekaa Valley's long gentle summers, wet winters and average temperature of 25 degrees Celsius, have made it ideal for viticulture for over 5000 years.

## **Winemaking**

Grapes are meticulously harvested by hand in the early morning, ensuring the fruit arrives at the winery in pristine condition and where it undergoes gentle *pressurage*. The Clairette are fermented in rough cement vats, the *Obeidi* in stainless steel and the Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay in traditional in *demie muid* to respect each varietal's characteristic and personality.

## **Tasting Notes**

Massaya Blanc has a beautiful gold hue with a silver rim. The 2010 is slightly more serious than its predecessors. The nose reflects a personality that might require even more time to reach its peak, but we could detect right away the complex white flower aromas and the depth of the wine. The palate has an almost velvety texture. It is fresh and elegant with a good mineral balance.

The finish is straightforward, pleasant and silky with a pleasing hint of anise that keeps the palate fresh and which is a reminder of its Mediterranean origin. It will complement savory flavors such as shellfish, baked, fresh fish, savory blue cheese and more hearty *choucroute*. Light and deliciously approachable, the Massaya Blanc can also be drunk on its own.

**Blend** : 30% Clairette, 30% Obeidi, 30% Sauvignon  
Blanc and Chardonnay

**Alcohol** : 13.5%

**Vineyards** : Tanail Estate, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon

**Harvest dates** : August - September

**Fermentation** : Demie muid- Concrete- Stainless Steel

**Winemaker** : Ramzi Ghosn  
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