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Climate and Soil:

Soils: Sandy loam and limestone with a high presence of quartz

Exposition: North Northwest. Gently sloping vineyards.

Viticulture:

Varieties: Roussanne (100%).

Plantation density: 6500 vines/hectare.

Short spur pruning. Average yield: 25 hl/ha.

Natural grassing in every second row alternated every year. Banking and debanking on the row to control weed growth. Biodynamic viticulture with treatments in phytotherapy.

Winemaking:

Grapes naturally dried on the vine.

Whole bunch pressed.

Fermentation with wild yeasts in 5 year old French oak barrels for over one year.

Aging:

In barrel on fermentation lees without sulfur for 2 years without racking. Semi oxidative ageing (no barrel topping).

Bottling analysis: 14.5% Alc, 65g residual sugar.

Tasting Notes:

Colour: Deep gold, brilliant.

Nose: Complex nose of dried orange and lemon peel, almonds, star anise.

Mouth: Explosion of apricot and dried fruits. Superb balance of sweetness and acidity resulting in a fresh finish. Rich but delicate.

Food and wine matching:

Foie gras, blue cheese, soufflé with Grand Marnier, citrus tart.