

Domaine Milan

Le Grand Blanc 2009

Vin de Table



Winemaker	Henri Milan
Appellation	Vin de Table (the AOC of Les Baux de Provence which covers this area does not permit white wines). Stop Press: an update from the INAO was released in August 2011 which allows the production of white wines in the Les Baux de Provence appellation.
Location	St Remy de Provence
Cuvée	Le Grand Blanc
Red/White/Rose	White
Year	2009
Grape varieties	Grenache Blanc, Rolle (Vermentino), Roussanne, Chardonnay, Muscat à Petit Grains
Alcohol	14%
Viticulture	Henri tends his vineyard on strict organic principles – in fact the vineyard has been certified organic since 1997. Certified organic by Ulase and Qualité France.
Terroir	The 3.5 hectares sit snugly close to the centre of the historic holiday town of St Remy de Provence in the lee of the Apilles mountains. The soil is sandy with limestone and clay layers.
Wine-making	The wine is aged in 225 litre and 350 litre barriques. Only native yeasts are used for fermentation and no sulphur is added to the grapes when harvested. Only a tiny amount of sulphur is added at bottling.

Notes

British wine writer Jancis Robinson in an article entitled 'A progress report on biodynamic wines in France' summed it up in these words:

While it's just a humble Vin de Table, this outclasses many a White Hermitage. It immediately commands attention with its pale gold sheen. An amazingly complex nose is on offer, spice notes come through first before the floral character – broom flowers and even a hint of lavender as it opened up. The complexity continues on the palate, rich and expressive, retaining a fresh character and nerve that underlines a lovely creaminess. Very long indeed, with a slightly bitter finish. This is a very “intellectual” wine; it makes you think and yet is wonderfully enjoyable too. A very long life ahead. Superb.



The lush vineyards of Henri Milan with the Alpilles behind