

Chateau La Canorgue

Viognier

If you have seen "A Good Year" with Russell Crowe, you've seen Chateau la Canorgue! Its charming vineyards and buildings were chosen by Ridley Scott for on-location filming of "A Good Year" during the 2005 harvest. The Margan family's excellent wines were an added benefit for the whole crew. The chateau is built on ruins of a Roman villa in the village of Bonnieux, in the center of the southern French region known as the Luberon, on the northern edge of Provence. The beautiful old chapel on the label is part of the property, which was all part of a fiefdom granted by Pope Benoit XIV.

Chateau La Canorgue's small wine property is a special place for the culture of the vine. Only the best suited regional varietals are grown here: Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, Carignan and Cinsault for red wines; Viognier and Chardonnay for whites. Natural quality is the goal; the Margan family chose organic and biodynamic methods to support this goal. Their vineyard is cultivated mechanically, without chemical pesticides or fertilizers, using only natural and local soil amendments. The average yield per hectares is only 30 hl.

The Viognier white grape is native to the northern Rhone Valley and most famous in the Condrieu appellation. It has strong apricot, citrus and floral aromas that delight the senses and a smooth dry finish. Canorgue's Viognier grapes are hand picked using strict selection. The wine is fermented and aged "sur lie" on the yeasts, for full aroma and flavors. It is wonderful as an aperitif or accompaniment to light foods. Enjoy!

