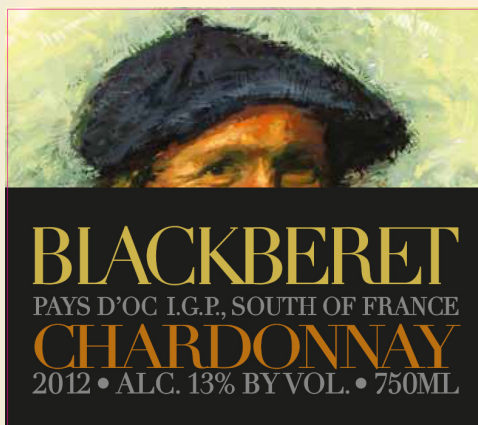


# BlackBéret Chardonnay



<b>Grape variety</b>	85% Chardonnay, 15% Viognier
<b>Appellation</b>	IGP Pays d'Oc
<b>Region</b>	Minervois, Languedoc Roussillon
<b>Oak Maturation</b>	30% was matured in French and American barrels. The remainder, including the Viognier was unoaked.
<b>Cellaring potential</b>	3 years
<b>Alcohol</b>	13%
<b>Acidity</b>	3.7 g/L
<b>Ph</b>	3.5
<b>Residual sugar</b>	3 g/L
<b>Climate</b>	Mediterranean
<b>Altitude</b>	150m
<b>Exposition &amp; soil</b>	Clay and limestone terraces
<b>Vine age</b>	15 years
<b>Density</b>	4 000 vines/ha
<b>Yield</b>	Low – 60hl/ha
<b>Harvest</b>	Mechanical harvesting at night to maintain freshness

<b>Vineyard Notes</b>	We have selected vineyards in the area of Carcassonne and the Minervois based on grape flavour and yield. The wines are produced and bottled in association with Celliers Jean d'Alibert.
<b>Winemaking notes</b>	The grapes were cold macerated then pressed, cold settled before fermentation. 30% of the Chardonnay was fermented in French and American oak barrels, and remained on lees in barrel, with some stirring, for six months.
<b>Tasting notes</b>	Chardonnays come in many styles, from light and minerally to rich, buttery and oaky. We wanted to make a Chardonnay that was satisfying, yet fresh, and with a sufficiently interesting flavour to capture the imagination. From the outset, it was crucial that it would be a great accompaniment to food. This is a fresh, pineapple-apple wine, with a subtle hint of oak and a touch of mango and ginger.
<b>Food style</b>	Great by itself or to accompany all fish and white meat dishes. Will work well with oriental food.
<b>Key facts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Subtle use of oak</li> <li>* Great with food or by itself</li> <li>* Unusual blend that adds a note of Viognier spice to Chardonnay</li> <li>* New wave French wine, combining French regional character with New World accessibility</li> <li>* From one of the oldest wine regions in France (the Romans made wine here)</li> </ul>

