

GAIA Organic White Blend

2021

Background:

GAIA, the Greek goddess of the earth, has been the Bousquet family's inspiration since founding our winery in 1997 when we pioneered and cleared virgin land in the high reaches of Tupungato's Gualtallary district. From the start, our Gaia wines have been crafted with a French winemaking sensibility and made from organic fruit grown at a cool 1,200-m/4,000-ft altitude.

Soil:

Poor sandy gravel soils with good drainage.

Vineyards:

Thanks to the Uco Valley's dry climate and phylloxera-resistant sandy soils, farming organically at Domaine Bousquet, from day one, was not only possible, but expedient. Other factors that set this landscape apart include constant breezes from the Andes to the west, helping mitigate heat-stress in this desert-like climate. Significant day/night temperature differentials contribute enhanced aromatics, while sandy soils result in low fertility, desirable for vine stress and ideal for good drainage. With rainfall averaging a scant 8"/203 mm annually, groundwater from Andes snowmelt is vital for vineyard irrigation. Time has shown that the roots of organically grown vines penetrate deeper, enabling greater access to water in times of drought. Not least, organic farming is decidedly better for the long-term wellbeing of the local environment, as well the people who tend the vines.

Winemaking:

Manual harvest during the first and second week of March. Cold Maceration for 24hs. Fermentation with selected yeast at a max. temperature of 15°C/59°F for 7 days. Maceration for 14 days. 40% of the wine is aged in French oak for 6 months.

Technical Data:

Varietal: 50% Chardonnay, 35% Pinot Gris, 15% Sauvignon Blanc

Alcohol: 12.5% **Acidity-Ph:** 5.92/3.24 **Residual Sugar :** 1.8

Tasting Notes:

Yellow with greenish reflections. Sliced apple and character of dried white peach. Medium bodied, delicate fruit with a finish clean and persistent.

Pairing:

Pairs well with appetizers and seafood dishes. Serve between 8°C/47°F and 10°C/50°F.



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