Domaine des Tourelles Vieilles Vignes White 2023

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2022 Vintage

Domaine des Tourelles

— Bekaa Valley, Lebanon

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External 2025

A 50/50 blend of Merweh and Obeidi - indigenous Lebanese varieties from low yielding old vines. The Merweh vineyards are over 100 years old and have not been pruned for the last two decades, resulting in extremely low yields and concentrated flavours.

Production

A blend of two indigenous Lebanese varieties that likey trace their lineage back to the Phoenicians, this wine is made from very old vines grown at altitude. Merweh vineyards are spread over the mountians of Bsharreh to the west of the Bekaa Valley at 1,400m altitude, in amongst the famous cedars of Mount Lebanon. Merweh is a resistant variety which has adpated very well to the Mediterranean mountain climate and ecosystem. Due to the wild nature of the Merweh vines, the ripening was uneven abd required several passes and a skilled team to select only perectly ripe grapes. Obeidi vineyards are grown on the hills of Zahleh - the capital of Bekaa Valley - at 1,100m altitude. These 50 year old vines are trained using a pergola system to ensure they enjoy the best sun exposure to reach maximum ripeness an balance on this late-ripening grape. Obeidi is a reliable and very resitant grape, considered to be the backbone of Behaa Valley's vines throughout its winemaking history. Both varieties were cold fermented separately, using wild yeast widely present in the winery. Once fermentation was complete, the wines we blended and stored for a short period of time in stainless steel tanks to keep the original freshness of the blend.

Tasting note

This blend of Merweh and Obeidi is golden in colour, the nose has natural aromas of ripened grapes, apple skin and a mix of herbs and spices. Mineral and savoury on the palate, the wine shows notes of dried figs and fresh almonds on the finish.

Food Match

Try with baba ghanouj or Sea bream with smoked vegetables.

ABV:
11.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Cork

Category:
Sustainable

Appellation:
Maremma Toscana DOC

Winemaker:
Faouzi Issa

Grape Varieties:
Merweh 50% Obeidi 50%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Allergen Info:
Contains Sulphites and No Other Allergens

Bottle Barcode:
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