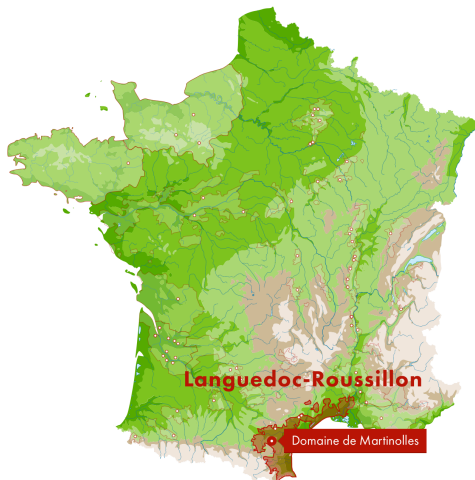


## DOMAINE DE MARTINOLLES CRÉMANT DE LIMOUX



**Appellation:** Limoux  
**Vintage:** NV  
**Grower:** Jean Claude Mas  
**Style:** White  
**Terroir:** Clay limestone

**Type:** Sparkling  
**Grape Varietals:** Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Pinot Noir  
**Viticulture:** Sustainable  
**Aging:** Stainless steel

**History/Farming:** The Limoux wine region is at the western most point of the Languedoc and is located just south of the medieval city of Carcassonne. It has a unique geoclimate, a situation due to the dual influences of the Atlantic which brings cool and wet weather and the Mediterranean which delivers hot and dry conditions.

The Domaine de Martinolles was owned by the Vergnes family from 1926 until 2011 when the estate was sold to the native Languedocoen vigneron, Jean Claude Mas. The vineyards lie on the same hillsides that the monks of St. Hilaire cultivated in 1531 when they produced the world's first sparkling wine.

The vines, which are planted in chalky soils at elevations ranging from 200 to 600 meters, are worked traditionally without herbicides or fertilizers. Domaine de Martinolles is a member of Terra Vitis, an organization that certifies the practice of sustainable agriculture.

**Wine Profile:** The Cremant is produced only from the best parcels. The yields in the vineyard are limited to 40 hectoliters per hectare and harvesting is done by hand. The Cremant is produced from blending three grape varieties. The Chardonnay grape accounts for 70% of the blend, with 20% of Chenin Blanc and 10% Pinot Noir. The Cremant is produced using the Methode Traditionnelle (Champenoise) and it is aged at least 15 months on the lees before being disgorged.

**Tasting Notes:** Floral aromatics, broad rich palate, fine bubble, champagne-like elegance.