



## Via Caritatis, `Vox Domini` Ventoux Blanc 2018

Ventoux, Southern Rhône, France



### PRODUCER

United by a wish to revive their region's winemaking history and support local winemakers, the monks of the Abbey Sainte-Madeleine du Barroux and the local cooperative, Beaumont de Ventoux, joined forces in 2015 to create a range of wines from their combined 30 hectares of vineyards. The quality of the grapes and the impressive community partnership attracted the attention of illustrious Rhône oenologist Philippe Cambie, who has since become consultant winemaker for Via Caritatis.

### VINEYARDS

The Vox Blanc is a blend of 90% Clairette, 5% Roussanne and 5% Grenache Blanc. The Clairette comes from two plots: one situated lower down the slopes, where 40 year old vines grow on clay and limestone soil, used to bring body and richness. The other plot is planted with younger Clairette vines, which are 11 years old. These grapes bring freshness and acidity to the blend. The Roussanne and Grenache Blanc come from the Monastery's 'Saint Thérèse' vineyard, planted on clay and sandy soils, giving the wine structure and texture.

### VINTAGE

The season started well with a mild spring following a wet winter, maintaining the soil's water reserve. June was very rainy which increased disease pressure. Fortunately, the summer which followed was very hot and dry, allowing the grapes to ripen slowly and giving a lovely concentration to the wines. 2018 was a good year for Roussanne and Clairette, two very expressive varieties, and has resulted in highly aromatic wines with a lovely freshness.

### VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand-harvested and subject to a rigorous sorting process upon arrival at the winery. The grapes were all destemmed and pressed at low pressure. The must was then clarified by cold settling. The varieties were fermented separately at low temperatures in concrete vats. The fermentation was slow, in order to protect the delicate aromatics. The wine then rested on lees for six months giving a lovely texture to the finished wine, after which it was blended and bottled.

### TASTING NOTES

The Vox Blanc is straw coloured. The nose shows delicate aromas of honeyblossom coupled with notes of white stone fruits. On the palate, it has a lovely texture from the lees ageing, with notes of honey and citrus fruit on the finish.

Grape Varieties	<b>90% Clairette</b> <b>5% Grenache Blanc</b> <b>5% Roussanne</b>
Winemaker	<b>Daniel Haile</b>
Closure	<b>Agglomerated Cork</b>
ABV	<b>13.5%</b>
Acidity	<b>4g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.58</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan</b>