

# Estézargues



Côtes du Rhone

Les Grandes Vignes

White

RHÔNE

Sustainable

## Varietals

70% Grenache Blanc, 10% Clairette,  
10% Bourboulenc, 10% Viognier.

## Soil

Red clay based & stone strewn.

**Age of Vines** 20 to 80 years

## Pairing

Works beautifully by itself or with  
chicken, rabbit, & grilled fish  
dishes.

Les Vignerons d'Estézargues is a cooperative cellar in the small town of Estézargues which is located near Avignon. Les Vignerons d'Estézargues is truly unique in the wine world. All over France the co-op still plays a very important role in the production & sale of wine. Co-ops receive grapes from members & then make wine from them, this wine is made in large batches & grapes from many different vineyards are vinified together; the focus is on producing wine in quantity. Estézargues takes a fundamentally different approach; starting in 1995 the ten different growers in this co-op began to vinify their wine separately & make single cuvées from their best plots. On the heels of the single cuvée evolution Estézargues began to practice natural winemaking. Possibly one of the only co-ops in the world to do so, Estézargues uses no external yeast, no filtering, no fining & no enzymes are employed on the grapes during the winemaking process. Winemaker Denis Deschamps is doing a terrific job creating exceptionally consistent wines under the Les Grandes Vignes label.

**Pruning Method:** Cordon

<http://www.vins-estezargues.com/>

## Les Grandes Vignes Blanc:

**Vinification:** Hand harvested. No external yeast & no enzymes are employed during winemaking. The bunches are de-stemmed & the fruit undergoes fifteen days of maceration & the wine is stored in enamel-lined tanks for 10 months before it is bottled w/out fining or filtration.

**Tasting Note:** Pale straw in the glass with shimmering silver highlights. Scents of pear & mellowing yellow apple dominate the nose & are followed by a note of hay & white flowers. The palate is clean & supple with intense flavors of stone fruit & some tropical fruit flavors as well. The wine finishes with notes of dried apricot, white flowers & wet stones.