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Banyuls is the finest and most complex of France's fortified Vin Doux Naturels. It emerges from one of the most spectacular terroirs in all of France: a terraced patchwork of steep, windswept vineyards where the Pyrénées tumble into the Mediterranean Sea. Its schist-dominated vineyards rise to altitudes of 750 meters and retain the distinctive *feixas* terraces and stone-lined canals known locally as *les agulles* (the needles), constructed centuries ago to prevent erosion and manage the region's infrequent but torrential downpours. From the benchmark producer of the appellation and the most historic estate in Roussillon.

The Domaine du Mas Blanc is located south of Perpignan in the Roussillon region, where the terraces of Banyuls and Collioure share the same appellation area. It has always stood out for the quality of its products and is a great representative of these two appellations. The roots of Domaine du Mas Blanc, with its terraced vineyards overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, can be traced as far back as 1632, however it was in 1921 when Gaston Parcé began bottling his wine and became a leading supporter of the Banyuls appellation which was established in 1936. His son, Dr. André Parcé, who succeeded him, was a great local figure and the visionary behind the Collioure appellations, which was established in 1971. Since 1976, the domaine has been led by André's son, winemaker Jean-Michel Parcé, who continues to further his family's commitment to tradition and reputation for leadership in the appellations.

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Tasting Note:

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