DOMAINE DU MAS BLANC COLLIOURE 'CLOS DU MOULIN'

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The small Collioure area flourishes between the Mediterranean and the Pyrénées range south of the Pyrénées-Orientales department in the Roussillon region. In a vast amphitheater facing the sea, the vineyards of Collioure are made up of small terraces retained by nearly 3,700 miles of dry stone walls, shaped for centuries by generations of winegrowers. One of three single-vineyard Collioure "crus" produced by Domaine du Mas Blanc, 'Clos du Moulin' comes from a 4.5-acre plot, southeast-facing, on the banks of the river Baillaury. The soil is schist mixed with gravel and sand. Vinification is traditional: Mourvèdre and Counoise (10%) are hand-harvested from goblet vines, trodden by foot, and fermented in stainless steel with native yeasts. Matured in old Bordeaux barrels for at least one year.

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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