

# DOMAINE FONTANEL RANCIO SEC L'ANCÊTRE



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Domaine Fontanel is a 74-acre estate located in the historic French Catalonian village of Tautavel, famous for its schistes. Production is traditional and sustainable, yields stay very low. The grapes were harvested by hand and fermented with native yeasts, without fortification. The youngest wines informing this wine date from 1946; the oldest from 1908. Exposed to the elements and aged for many years in partially filled oak barrels, the resulting wine has what the Roussillon locals call *le gout de soleil* (the taste of the sun). The wine slumbered in barrels until may 2018.

The origins of the estate date back to 1864, and the domaine was created in 1989 by fifth-generation vine-growers Pierre and Marie-Claude Fontaneil. In 2017, vintners Elodie and Matthieu Collet, a young couple fresh out of oenology school in Montpellier, became the domaine's new owners, with Pierre staying at their side to ensure the transition. The Collets, inspired by a cask of 2007 Rancio Sec that the Fontaneils left in their care, began making their own in 2018; in the meantime, they've bottled the 2007 to share with the rest of the world.

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## Tasting Note:

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