

# DOMAINE DE FONDRÈCHE VENTOUX BLANC



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Situated at the foot of Mont Ventoux, the famous mountain in the Vaucluse department of the South of France, The Domaine de Fondrèche estate is a unique place, with a special terroir and climate due to the influence of Mont Ventoux which brings currents of cold air and leads to big differences in temperature between day and night. The vineyards cover 94 acres spread over three communes. The heart of the domaine is the parcel of 70 acres surrounding the winery: clay-limestone with gravel. Situated on a plateau, it drains beautifully but retains water between 5 - 10 meters. Hence the name *Fondrèche*, or the 'standing fountain'. This means no hydric stress for the vines, and no risk of excessive water either. The vineyards are farmed organically (with some biodynamic practices). The lunar calendar is followed in the vineyard and cellar. The vines are an average of 35 years and grow on chalky, north and west-facing soil. After a nocturnal harvest to avoid the heat and strong light, the grapes are pressed using a hyper-reductive system and without adding sulphites. They are then left to macerate with their deposits at a very low temperature for 10 days before fermentation in stainless steel tanks and barrels. The wine is then aged on fine lees in a vat for a few months prior to bottling.

Nanou Barthélemy and her son Sébastien Vincenti bought the property in 1993, and have improved it with every successive year. Today it ranks at the top of Ventoux producers, known for fresh, terroir-driven wines.

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## *Tasting Note:*

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## *Shelf Talker:*

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