# **SAINT-HILAIRE**

### AOC Limoux, Blanquette de Limoux, Semi-Sweet 750ml

## France's Oldest Sparkling Wine



In 1531 the Benedictin monks from Abbey of Saint-Hilaire were producing a still wine made with Mauzac, the local grape variety, and discovered the 2nd fermentation in the bottle and Blanquette de Limoux the oldest sparkling wine in the world was born.

### VINIFICATION

- Blend: 90% Mauzac, 5% Chenin, 5% Chardonnay.

Mauzac is a rare grape variety exclusive to the Limoux terroir, characterized by its peach, pear and green apple aromas.

- low yields, 50 hectolitres / hectare
- Exclusively hand-picked to preserve the grapes quality.
- 2nd fermentation The bottles are stored horizontally in dark cellars with regulated temperature, 15°C, and humidity so that the prise de mousse takes place slowly, an entirely natural process.
- Ageing on second fermentation lees during a minimum of 12 months.
- Alcohol: 12%.

#### **TASTING**

Dry, toasty, smooth and clean SAINT-HILAIRE truly captivates with an attractive yeasty aroma and luscious creamy texture.

The palate is light and crisp with citrus and apple flavors and the body is just hefty enough.