

THE HISTORY OF **SAINT-HILAIRE** AOC BLANQUETTE DE LIMOUX

It was in 1531 that the **Benedictine Monks of the Abbey of Saint-Hilaire**, in a village close to Limoux, produced **Blanquette de Limoux**, making it the **first sparkling wine in the world**.

By 1794, Blanquette de Limoux was well-known and appreciated throughout all of France. It was around that time, that it was discovered by a famous American, Thomas Jefferson.

The third American President was an expert on French Wines and Blanquette de Limoux, one of his favorites, was an integral part of his wine cellar. In fact, President Jefferson was probably the first person to bring the wine to America.

Today, Blanquette de Limoux has won the acclaim of knowledgeable wine enthusiasts throughout the world, along with many awards.

It is sold in the United States under the name **SAINT-HILAIRE** in honor of the monks who first created the wine **more than 492 years ago**

