

PROFILE

Located in Boutenac, just south of the village of Corbières in the Languedoc region, Ollieux-Romanis is now one of the largest privately owned wineries in Corbières, spanning some 130 hectares. Along with the Carignan, Cinsault, Grenache Noir, Syrah, Marsanne, and Roussanne, all of which are quite common to the Languedoc, the Bories also cultivate Sauvignon Blanc, Grenache Blanc, Grenache Gris, Merlot, and Mourvèdre, the “unapproved” varieties going into their fun entry-level VdP label Capucines. Ollieux-Romanis is also currently working its way to fully organic status, having dispensed with herbicides and pesticides in the late 1990s.

Jeb Dunnuck, writing for Wine Advocate, says of the 2015 vintage: “I loved the 2015 Corbières Blanc Cuvée Prestige and it’s a white I’d happily drink any day. Made from 50% Roussanne, 40% Marsanne and 10% Grenache Blanc that was brought up in a mix of demi-muids and small barrels, it exhibits notes of buttered stone fruits, honeysuckle and white flowers in a medium to full-bodied, elegant, richly textured style that’s going to shine on the dinner table.” (92 pts)

SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: Corbières “Cuvée Prestige” Blanc

Varietals: 50% Roussanne, 50% Marsanne

Appellation: Corbières Blanc AOC

Location: Languedoc

Soil: Puddingstone - clay and limestone

Vineyard Age: 15 - 30 years

Vine Density: 4000 vines/ha

Yield: 35 hl/ha

Harvest: Manual

Agricultural Method: Les Ollieux is currently working its way to fully organic status, having dispensed with herbicides and pesticides in the late 1990s. Instead, they compost with marc, or the leftover solids (skins, seeds, pulps, pits) of the grapes and olives after pressing. The estate recently received its ISO 14001 certification, which sets out the criteria and maps out a framework that a winery can follow to set up an effective environmental management system. Vegan. 🌱 🌿

Vinification: Pellicular maceration and direct pneumatic pressing at low pressure. Vinification and aging in new oak barrels for 12 months on the lees.

