



# Château de Bellet

APPELLATION BELLET CONTRÔLÉE



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## CHÂTEAU DE BELLET WHITE

### CUVÉE BARON G. - AOC BELLET 2012

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#### TASTING NOTES

Pale golden color with well-marked green tints.

The **nose** is strong and complex, associating fragrant notes of cedar and bergamot with elegant toasted oak. Subtle hints of honey bring about perfect cohesion.

The **palate** is strong and elegant, with plenty of matter associated with notes of broom and grapefruit. Vivacity and savory salty flavors dominate the finish.

This wine can be **kept** for 5 to 7 years.

**Food pairing:** fried red mullet, barbecued cuttlefish, cushion of veal.

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#### THE WINE

This wine is made from **organic vine-growing since 2012.**

**Disbudding, leaf fining and green harvesting.**

**Handpicked harvest:** average yield 25 hl/ha.

**Winemaking :** short skin maceration, fermentation in cask.

**Maturing:** 10 months in French oak casks.

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#### GRAPE VARIETIES

**Total surface area of the vineyard:** 11 ha, including 6 ha used to make white.

**Grape varieties:** 95 % Rolle, 5 % Chardonnay.

**Average age of the vines:** 30 years.

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#### THE TERROIR

The vines of **Chateau de Bellet** on the hillsides of Nice overlook the blue Mediterranean sea. The last foothills of the Alps and the Var valley appear in the background. The estate's vineyard is situated at an altitude (250-300 meters) and benefits from generous sunshine (2,700 hours per year). The maritime and alpine wind gusts favor a slow ripening harvest. This micro-climate offers freshness and elegance to the wines of Bellet, thereby creating an almost northern style of wine. The estate's unique soil is made up of a combination of Pliocene pebbles and light colored sand, crossed by several clay veins.

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#### THE ESTATE

**Situated at the top of the appellation**, the parcels face South/South-West. The vineyard is cultivated according to traditional techniques, with natural grass ground cover and soil tilling. The property's motto - *res non verba* - is that of the illustrious Barons of Bellet - who gave their name to the estate, as well as the appellation. As a result, over the past 400 years, "deeds and not words", make the wines of Chateau de Bellet great and exceptional.

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