



#### TASTING NOTES

Stone fruits and a fresh bright palate.

## Domaine des Schistes Illico White

COUNTRY	ABV
France	13%
REGION	VARIETALS
Languedoc-Roussillon	95% Macabeau
APPELLATION	5% Vermentino
IGP Cotes Catalanes	

#### WINERY

Domaine des Schistes prides itself on the rich history of the Roussillon and operates with a philosophy that prioritizes regional tradition while also emphasizing modern styles and methodology, focusing on estate-bottled wine, vineyard-specific cuvees, and committing to organic winemaking. Their first vinification was in 1989 and their vineyard holdings have since grown to cover 55 hectares.

As the name suggests, the domain is planted mostly on shaly marls. Their vineyards lie on the slopes of the Corbieres foothills, largely in superficial soil that requires the vine's roots to grow deep down into the faults of the mountain to extract the necessary moisture. The diversity of soil, exposure, and microclimate across their vineyard sites enables Domaine des Schistes to produce a range of wines, each with its own striking character yet hallmarked by a mineral touch from the shale soils and the warmth of the Roussillon's grape varieties.

#### CULTIVATION

The Illico wines are made from grapes grown around Estagel in vineyards on the alluvial soil of the Agly river valley at the foot of the schist hillsides. The grapes are hand-picked in the morning and immediately pressed while still cold.

#### VINIFICATION

Settled in open-top vats then transferred and fermented at 20-24 °C.

#### AGING

After alcoholic fermentation is complete, the wine is transferred with minimal air contact and briefly matured in stainless steel before bottling.