



NOVELLUM

Chardonnay

Someone once made an unflattering comparison between Chardonnay and a part of one's anatomy best left unmentioned, saying, "everyone's got one, no one wants to hear about yours." Sadly Chardonnay is a victim of its own success and frequently a punch line despite being one of the most highly esteemed wines in its guise of Grand Cru Chablis or Montrachet. We are not claiming that Novellum is like these auspicious wines but we will argue that for its price you can hardly find better. For many years we worked with a cooperative in the Languedoc to make Novellum from a special site that in most years had some botrytis, giving the wine weight without resorting to oak. Since that time we've moved the project to the Roussillon where Jean-Marc and Eliane Lafage have some Chardonnay planted near the Mediterranean that makes a remarkably complex and mineral version of the variety. There is no botrytis here so we resort to a small percentage in barrel – usually less than 20%. The remainder of the wine is aged in tank on the lees of Viognier. It remains one of the best values in Chardonnay that you can find.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Côtes Catalanes

SOIL

Clay limestone, galets

AGE OF VINES

30

ELEVATION

15 meters

VARIETIES

Chardonnay

FARMING

Practicing organic

FERMENTATION

Fermented in tank

AGING

3 months in tank (70%) and French oak barrels (30%) aged on the lees of Viognier

ACCOLADES

90 – 2015 Novellum Chardonnay – Wine Advocate

89 – 2014 Novellum Chardonnay – Wine Advocate

92 – 2013 Novellum Chardonnay – Wine Advocate



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