

FRAIS & LÉGER

# ELIA

CÔTES DE GASCOGNE



## THE APPELLATION

The Côtes de Gascogne appellation covers the fantastically exposed hillsides between the Pyrenees mountains and the Atlantic ocean. With warm days and cool nights, the appellation boasts a particular climate, ideal for the development of the grapes' optimal aromatic expression. The climatic influence of the Atlantic ocean to the west conjugated with the Pyrenees mountains to the south, guarantees sunshine without drought.

## THE RENAISSANCE

In the early 2000's, the general trend was for rich, concentrated wines. This meant that some of the fresher, later ripening terroirs of the Côtes de Gascogne vineyard were overlooked for the benefit of warmer, south-facing slopes. At Plaimont, we have chosen to win back these east and north-east facing plots, replanting the Colombard grape to produce fresh, aromatic wines which are **naturally low in alcohol** ...for a modern wine, and a healthier lifestyle

## VINEYARD MANAGEMENT & WINEMAKING

The cuvée ELIA is made from the Colombard grape which has a unique property of having a naturally low alcohol content, between 9° and 11°. Thanks to slightly earlier harvesting than conventional Côtes de Gascogne wines and by interrupting the fermentation before all the sugar has been consumed, total alcohol is kept down to 9°. This process is completely natural and does not involve any de-alcoholisation.

Ageing on the lees follows at very low temperatures to avoid restarting the fermentation process. The wine is filtered before the spring.

**AGEING POTENTIAL** : 2 years

## TASTING NOTES

Wonderful fruit flavours make this a very refreshing, quaffable wine.

Expressive lemon and grapefruit scents on the nose are followed by fresh juicy flavours on the palate with an overall elegant, crisp balance.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Delicious on its own as an aperitif or with salads and grilled fish, this wine is also a refreshing accompaniment to Asian dishes, not to mention lemon cheesecake! Ideal serving temperature: 8°C-10°C.



The **High Environmental Value** certification is a guarantee of environmentally-friendly practices such as biodiversity conservation, plant protection strategy, water management...

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