

NOVELLUM CHARDONNAY

IGP Cotes Catalanes, France

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94 Points, Jeb Dunnock (2020):

"A richer styled wine (I've compared this cuvée to a Chardonnay from Mark Aubert), the 2020 Novellum has a medium gold hue as well as a rich, powerful bouquet of caramelized lemon, honeyed almonds, candle wax, and toasted bread. Rich, medium to full-bodied, beautifully textured, and balanced, this is another no brainer purchase."

Empire Wine:

"we will argue that for its price you can hardly find better. The project is from the Roussillon, where husband and wife team of Domaine Lafage fame, Jean-Marc and Eliane Lafage, have some Chardonnay planted near the Mediterranean that makes a remarkably complex and mineral version of the variety. A small percentage is aged in barrel – usually less than 30%. 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."

Chardonnay shows up in some remarkable places but few as breathtaking as the Roussillon where the Pyrenees meet the Mediterranean. From vineyards just a stone's throw from the beach and within view of the historic Mont Canigou, Eric Solomon and Jean-Marc Lafage have created Novellum, a refined, aromatic and elegant Chardonnay that is aged in tank and neutral French barrels.

Grape: 100% Chardonnay

Vineyards: 30 years old vines, practicing organic farming.

Winemaking: The grapes were pressed gently before the cold maceration, and fermented in stainless steel tanks. 70% of the wine was aged in stainless steel tanks, then the rest spent two months on Viognier lees in oak barrels.

Tasting Notes: White peach, crushed rocks, spice and brioche notes all emerge from this medium to full-bodied Chardonnay that has depth, layered texture and length.

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