

THORMAN HUNT

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Massaya, Beqaa Valley

Massaya Cap Est



Grower

Massaya is run by brothers Sami and Ramzi Ghosn in partnership with Frédéric and Daniel Brunier from Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe and Dominique Hebrard, formerly of Château Cheval Blanc. Located in the fertile Beqaa Valley, at an altitude of 1000 metres above sea level. At these Tanaïl vineyards the slopes are protected by Mount Lebanon and the Anti-Lebanon mountains. Free of frost and disease the Beqaa Valley enjoys a unique climate with long gentle summers, wet winters and an average temperature of 25°C, perfect for viticulture. More recently they have developed vineyards in the more extreme, mineral areas of the Beqaa valley, moving onto hillside sites to the North East (Ras Baalbek) and North West (Hadath Baalbek), as well as further north of Baalbek. These vineyards are planted with Grenache and Mourvèdre for the red wines, and Obeidi, Clairette, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Vermentino for the Massaya white.

Vineyards

LOCATION: grapes grown on the hillsides of the north-easterly portion of the Beqaa Valley at an altitude of 1200 metres, in the Ras Baalbeck area. An arid and continental environment, where Mount Lebanon and the Anti-Lebanon mountain ranges meet. AREA: 17 acres. SOIL AND SUBSOIL: chalky clay. VINE AGE: 18 years on average.

Vinification

VINIFICATION: conducted at the Tanaïl winery. Grapes are hand-picked, conveyed in crates, and sorted on tables. They are fully destemmed, then vinified for at least 30 days in temperature controlled oak vats. 22 months in oak vats. Bottled without fining or filtering at 2 years.

Style

An elegant distinctive pale ruby wine with a nose that subtly blends violets and ripe red berry fruits leading to a progressive body and a compelling minerality. Seductive velvety elegance overlays an attractive weave of fine tannins, highlighting the minerality of the terroir. Suitable for ageing.

Grape varieties:

Grenache Noir 50%, Mourvèdre 50%.

Vegetarian: Yes

Vegan: Yes

Bottling options: 75cl, 1.5l, 3l

Closure: Cork

