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2025 Via Caritatis Ventoux Abbayes Clairette

The 2025 Ventoux Abbayes Clairette is a step up, but also in a slightly different style compared to previous releases here. Made from 95% Clairette and 5% Roussanne and aged 6-7 months in stainless steel and concrete, it offers crushed citrus, minty flowers, chalky minerality, and melon notes. Medium-bodied on the palate, it has a beautifully balanced mouthfeel, integrated acidity, and outstanding length. As with the Lux In Altis Blanc, give this a year or two. It should have an interesting evolution through 2035, if not longer. Drink 2028-2035.

Via Caritatis is the label for the wines of the monks of the Abbaye Sainte-Madeleine du Barroux, the nuns of the Abbaye Notre-Dame de l'Annonciation, and local growers in the Ventoux. Jean-Dominique Artaud, then vineyard manager at Domaine de la Janasse, began advising the monks in 2010. The Abbayes Grenache, the Abbayes Syrah, and the Abbayes Clairette come exclusively from the two abbeys' vineyards, cultivated by the monks and nuns. The lineup also includes the Lux Excelsior, the Lux In Altis Blanc, and the Lux de Cælo Rosé.

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