

# FETEASCA ALBA

## *Domaines Franco Roumains*



## SITUATION

The vines of the DEALU MARE (which in Romanian means "great hill slope") are the most famous and renowned vine growing area in Romania. It is 60 kilometers long on hillsides which starts from the southeast of the Carpathian Mountains, enjoying the sun from early morning and a good sunlight all day long. The soil is made of chalk and limestone.

Famous for its reds, the Dealu Mare also produces on its chalky soil fantastic whites.

## PRODUCTION

The part of Dealu Mare whose basement is chalky, is well suited to white grape varieties, therefore to Feteasca Alba. The planted surfaces with this traditional Romanian grape has slightly decreased after 1989. Nevertheless demi-sec wines produced with Feteasca Alba remain one of the most popular in Romania.

## CHARACTERISTICS

The Feteasca Alba is an aromatic grape variety, with delicate aromas of white flowers (acacia and lily). This demi-sec Feteasca Alba is a charming wine, pleasant and easy to drink.

## FOOD PAIRING

The floral side of this wine makes it perfect for hot starters. It will also pair well with fish and is an excellent dessert wine. Finally served chilled under the arbor, it will be the perfect companion to a lively discussion.

## STORY

It is in Transylvania, around Saxon monasteries, that were grown and selected the best rootstocks of Feteasca Alba, which gradually spread throughout Romania. Nowadays it is still the most commonly used grape variety for Romanian weddings.