



Discovery wines



One decade was all it took for the Chinese wine industry to enter the first-class wine world. Now, we have the pleasure of sharing the first Grand Cru of the Himalayas foothill with you today — born from a dream that began in 2008 by Moët Hennessy's Estates & Wines Division and made by winemaker Maxence Dulou.

Ao Yun found their very own Shangri-La on the northern edges of China's Yunnan Province. Framed by the sacred Meili Mountain (6800m), four villages between 2,100 and 2,600m above sea level, with different soils and sun exposure, supply Ao Yun with exceptional grapes. The Adong, Xidang, Sinong and Shuori villages dot the banks of the Mekong River, a UNESCO Protected Area.

With a focus on zero carbon footprint, farming is done 100% by hand — without machines. There is no use of fertilisers or synthetic chemicals either.



Ao Yun, Shangri-la, Yunnan, China, 2015

Aromas of cold chimenea, Mysore sandalwood, Dhofar incense, fresh crushed ripe strawberries, plum and candied cherry. A voluptuous and seductive palate with extremely soft and dense tannins lead to a long mineral finish.

“Considering harmonious balance, very high color and freshness we are confident it will age as well as the finest Cabernet Sauvignon and perhaps even better. Ao Yun is a living adventure we share.” ~ Maxence Dulou

Blend by village:

14% Xidang, 13% Sinong, 42% Shuori, 31% Adong

Blend by grape variety:

79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Cabernet Franc