## XIAO MU LAN 2024



**Appellation**: Qiu Shan Valley, Shandong, China

Domaine de Long Dai is nestled in the heart of the Qiu Shan Valley, in the Shandong province in northeastern China. In this region, the climate is tempered by the influence of the Yellow Sea, located about 20 km away. The Qiu Shan Valley benefits from mild winters and granite soils, making it a suitable place for viticulture.

**Terroir**: The 38-hectare vineyard is spread over 547 terraces, following the agricultural tradition of the region. Winter in this region is dry and cold, but less severe than in other parts of the country. Summer is hot with a short rainy period in July and August, followed by two months of dry weather during the critical ripening period. The terrace system does not allow for uniform ripening of the grapes. Harvesting is done in several passes to ensure optimal ripeness.

## ■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

After destemming and crushing, the grapes are placed in vats for a few hours' maceration, which will confer the wine its delicate colour. The juice is then drained by gravity to separate it from the solids and left to settle to remove all impurities. Fermentation begins at a temperature between 16°C and 18°C for a duration of 21 days. This method allows us to obtain an elegant and structured wine while preserving its aromatic freshness.

