

Le Rhône Sud

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What it's all about...

The Southern Rhône Valley is a stunning land of rolling hills and sprawling vineyards. Steeped in history, the best known for its rich, plummy reds and fruity, floral whites. With long hot summers that are kept somewhat bearable by the cooling Mistral wind from the Alps, this climate is perfect for growing healthy, ripe grapes, providing a reliably delicious source of wines.

A bit of a favourite of ours, this region offers wonderful value and makes for lovely everyday wines. The heavy and serious reds of the famed Châteauneuf-du-Pape has put the region on the map, but it is in the sprawling vineyards of the Côtes du Rhône and Côtes du Rhône-Villages where you'll find the value.

Grenache is the most widely planted grape here, a real charmer, seductive and lustrous in red blends. Syrah is the second most important grape, adding its seductive fruit and tannins to the blend. The dark and broody Mourvèdre and lithe and fruity Cinsault are also commonly grown. These grapes come together beautifully to make wines that are generous, fruity, warm, forward with spiciness with round tannins.

Fields of lavender, sunflowers and of course grapevines carpet the land between ancient villages. A popular vacation spot for French and kiwis, this is a top spot for a winter getaway. Transport yourself to the sun for delicious wine, unbeatable scenery and bountiful village markets.



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Côtes du Rhône

With 41,000 hectares of vineyards, these are two major appellations where you'll find the best value. While there is a huge range of soils and sub-climates, all of the vineyards bathe in the lovely southern sun, enjoying warm Mediterranean summers. Wine has been made here since 125 BC with the arrival of the Romans and the first official use of Côtes du Rhône dates back to the 1730s. It was one of the first official AOCs in France, established in 1937. There are currently 171 communes attached to Côtes du Rhône with a further 95 Côtes du Rhône Villages.

Grandes Vignes ①



Grands Bois ③



Alary ④



Pégau ⑤

Espiers ⑥



JL Chave Selection ⑦



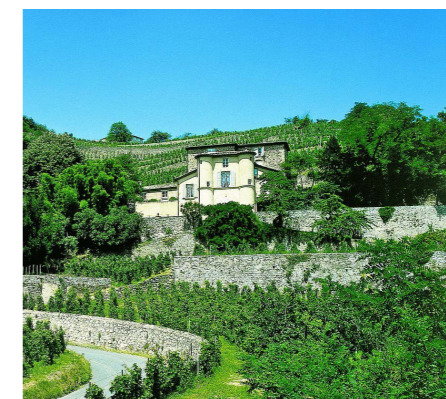
Fond Croze ②

1 Grandes Vignes	Côtes du Rhône 19		\$22.00
2 Fond Croze	Côtes du Rhône "Confidence" 19		\$22.50
3 Grands Bois	Côtes du Rhône "Trois Soeurs" 19	89/100 V	\$25.50
4 Alary	Côtes du Rhône "La Gerbaude" 19		\$27.00
5 Pégau	Côtes du Rhône "Maclura" 17	91/100RP	\$27.00
6 Espiers	Côtes du Rhône 20		\$29.50
7 JL Chave Selection	Côtes du Rhône "Mon Coeur" 19	91/100 V	\$32.00



Alary

A small producer on the road between Cairanne and Rasteau, father and son team Denis and Jean-Etienne work their 29 hectare property organically. Jean-Etienne joined his father in 2016 after doing vintages in New Zealand and Australia.



Fond Croze

This fully organic, family run vineyard offers wonderful wines with great value. Brothers Daniel and Bruno were joined by Daniel's son Guillaume in 2017.

Côtes du Rhône Villages



1 Gres Saint Vincent	CDR Villages "Signargues" 19	\$26.00
2 Genestas	CDR Villages "Signargues" 19	\$26.00
3 Granacha	CDR Villages "Signargues" 19	\$29.50
4 Fond Crozes	CDR Villages "Vieux Ceps" 19	\$32.00
5 Pegau	CDR Villages Setiers 19	\$32.00
6 Espiers	CDR Villages Sablet 20	\$40.00
7 Nerthe	Cassagne de la Nerthe CDR Villages 19	\$45.00



Pegau

One of the top estates in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Pegau also has vineyards just to the south of the great appellation, making rich Côtes du Rhône and Côtes du Rhône Villages wine.

Gigondas

Not to be outdone by its famous big brother, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas also boasts its own castle ruins at the foothills of the Dentelles de Montmirail. Bold and generous, many domaines have vineyards in the valleys of the Dentelles which give the wine a fresh and mineral dimension.

Vacqueyras

With the Southern end of the Dentelles de Montmirails on its north eastern flank, Vacqueyras is home to rich and earthy red wines, with the distinctive note of garrigues which comes from the scrublands of thyme, sage and lavender.



Sang des Cailloux

Serge Férigoule's wines are almost as well known as his impressive barbell moustache! The style is intense, earthy and expressive



Espiers

Philippe Cartoux has been making wine since 1989, focusing on an intense, structured and balanced wines

Rasteau, Cairanne & Lirac

Known for its slightly fuller, more rustic style, Rasteau is just the next village east of Cairanne. Some low hills offers a little protection from the Mistral wind, allowing for a bigger style with crunchy tannins.

One of the youngest Cru, Cairanne was elevated to this premier status in 2016. The reds here are smooth, elegant and earthy with garrigues coming through on the finish.

Sitting on a small plateau overlooking Avignon and Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the reds from Lirac have a beautiful perfume with its more exposed, elevated vineyards giving it a refreshing freshness.



Grands Bois

Mireille and her sommelier husband Marc took over her family's property in 1994. Certified organic, they are now joined by daughters Philippine, Gabrielle et Eloise.



GIGONDAS
VACQUEYRAS
RASTEU, LIRAC, CAIRANNE

1 Clos des Cazaux	Gigondas 2019	89-91/100 RP	\$45.00
2 St. Francois Xavier	Gigondas 2019	91/100 RP	\$47.00
3 Trignon	Gigondas 2015	90/100 RP	\$48.00
4 Espiers	Gigondas les Grames 2019		\$52.00
1 Clos des Cazaux	Vacqueyras 2018		\$41.50
2 Sang des Cailloux	Vacqueyras Floureto 2019		\$52.00
3 Sand des Cailloux	Vacqueyras Lopy 2019		\$75.00
1 Grands-Bois	Cairanne Maximilien 2019		\$33.00
2 Pierre Usseglio	Lirac 2019		\$42.00
3 Bearenard	Rasteau 2019		\$43.00
4 Grands-Bois	Rasteau Cuvée Marc 2018		\$43.00

Châteauneuf du Pape

Vines have been planted here since the days of the Romans, but its golden age did not begin until the arrival of the Pope in 1305. Since then, it has been one of the best known and loved red wine appellations. The reds here are ripe, powerful, and seductive and composes of 93% of the wine production. The remaining 7% is dedicated to the intensely aromatic and layered white wines. The iconic castle at the top of the hill was originally built as a summer residence for the popes of Avignon. It managed to survive through the ages relatively unscathed and it wasn't until the Second World War that it was reduced to its current ruinous state by the RAF, targeting the Germans who had commandeered the well-placed castle for munitions storage. Today, it is worth the climb to the top for the views of the whole area down to Avignon and Mont Ventoux. You'll also find a wonderfully restored Roman era winery."

Fortia

We're very pleased to add this long established domaine to our portfolio, a young team has brought new life to this producer.



Southern Rhône Whites



Pigeade



Based in Beaumes-de-Venise, the Sauternes of the Rhône Valley, the Vaute family have been champions of the Muscat grape, making delectable, aromatic sweet wines

1 Fortia	Chateauneuf du Pape "Tradition" 2007	90/100 RP	\$62.00
2 Fortia	Chateauneuf du Pape "Cuvée de Baron" 2018	91-93/100 RP	\$83.00
3 Senechaux	Chateauneuf du Pape 2017	91/100 RP	\$83.00
4 Pegau	Chateauneuf du Pape 2018	93/100 RP	\$98.00
5 Nerthe	Chateauneuf du Pape 2017	91/100 RP	\$110.00

1 Nerthe	"Cassagne de la Nerthe" CDR Villages Blanc 2019		\$45.00
2 Senechaux	Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc 2019	93/100 RP	\$76.00
3 Nerthe	Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc 2019		\$110.00
4 Pigeade	Muscat Beaumes de Venise 2019 375ml		\$27.00
5 Beaumalric	Muscat Beaumes de Venise 2018 375ml		\$28.50

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Côtes du Ventoux 3 Costières de Nîmes

Sandwiched between the Luberon and the rest of the southern Rhône, the Côtes du Ventoux lies in the shadow of the impressive Mont Ventoux and has a slightly different meso-climate than its neighbours. There is a cooling wind here, which tends to make the wines lighter and softer than its northern and western counterparts. Being part of a National Park it is also a completely organic vineyard. The Costières de Nîmes is on the opposite side (Western) of the Rhône river and is virtually a southerly extension of Lirac. Terrific value.



Pesquié

A family affair on the foothills of mighty Mont Ventoux, the impressive range focuses on deep, layered Grenache blends. Benchmark property.



Northern Rhône Reds

Syrah is king on the steep slopes which hug the Rhône River. Crozes-Hermitage is the largest appellation here and produces plump and mineral Syrahs. Hermitage and Côte-Rôtie are highly sought after for the deep and rich styles. Producers have perfected their techniques over the centuries, crafting some of the most refined, elegant, and long-lived Syrah in the world.



Gilles Robin

Meticulously farmed with well controlled yields, in the heart of the best part of Crozes-Hermitage, le Chassis.



1 Mourgues du Gres	Costières de Nîmes "Galets Rouges" 2019		\$26.00
2 Pesquie	Côtes du Ventoux "Terrasses" 2019	90/100 RP	\$26.50
3 Mourgues du Gres	Costières de Nîmes "Terre de Feu" 2018		\$39.00
4 Pesquie	Côtes du Ventoux "Quintessence" 2018	91-93/100 RP	\$48.00
5 Pesquie	Côtes du Ventoux "Artemia" 2018	18 92-94/100 RP	\$77.00

1 Gilles Robin	Crozes-Hermitage "Papillon" 2019		\$42.00
2 Gilles Robin	Crozes-Hermitage "Alberic" 2018		\$50.00
3 Clusel-Roch	Côte Rotie "Les Schistes" 2018		\$115.00
4 Gerin	Côte Rotie "Champin le Seigneur" 2018		\$118.00
5 Jamet	Côte Rotie "Fructus Volaptus" 2019		\$145.00
6 Chapoutier	Ermitage "Le Pavillon" 2017	99/100 RP	\$560.00

Northern Rhône Whites



Villard

Unlike many of his contemporaries, François was not born into wine, finding his way to wine as a chef. His wines are concentrated and expressive

1 Clusel-Roch	Coteaux Lyonnais "Traboules" 2020	90 V 91 RP	\$34.00
2 Villard	Viognier "Contours Deponcins" 2019	90 V 91 RP	\$50.00
3 Jamet	Côte du Rhône 2019	90 V 91 RP	\$54.00
4 Villard	Condrieu "Terrasses du Palat" 2019	90 V 91 RP	\$110.00
5 Clusel Roch	Condrieu "Verchery" 2019	90 V 91 RP	\$120.00
6 Chapoutier	Ermitage "De l'Orée" 2017	96-98/100 RP	\$400.00

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An intro to the red wines of the southern Rhône that includes one of the truly great names of Chateauneuf-du-Pape

Pesquié Côtes du Ventoux "les Terrasses" 2019

Montagnette Côtes du Rhône Villages 2019

Grand-Bois Cairanne "Cuvée Maximilien" 2019

Montvac Vacqueyras 2019

Trignon Gigondas 2015

Pegau Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2018

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