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A wine adventure in Vaucluse
2016 press kit



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as the saying goes and Vaucluse can rely on both!

Without any doubt, the history of vineyards, grown here for thousands of years, and the history of Vaucluse are inextricably intertwined. Each in their time, Greeks, Romans, the Popes, the Jews - not to mention the mighty Rhône River, have all had a decisive influence on both.

Three appellations cover the area here – Côtes du Rhône, AOC Ventoux, and AOC Luberon. The Châteauneuf-du-Pape vintage has attained international fame and more than half of the villages in Vaucluse make their living from wine. Since times past when the traveller took refuge in monasteries, welcomed with a glass of wine, wine has remained a symbol of friendship, of sharing, of human warmth and joie de vivre...

In other words, wine is a lifestyle, the Vaucluse lifestyle.

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Zoom on...

Le Domaine de Fontenille à Lauris : vin, luxe et sérénité

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On a magnificent **wine-growing estate**, this noble 18th-century manor house has been given a new lease of life as a **luxury hotel** with a spa and **gastronomic restaurant**.

Overlooking the Durance plains on the south slopes of Luberon, le Domaine de Fontenille is a Provençal building that has managed to preserve its original charm. The classic manor is set in landscaped grounds ringed with ancient plane and cedar trees. Beyond these you can glimpse more rugged scenery and vineyards as far as the eye can see against the backdrop of the Luberon and Sainte-Victoire mountains.

This time-honoured property was first registered in the early 17th century as a wine-growing estate. The current owners started

restructuring it in 2013, to restore the estate to its initial size with 35 hectares of vineyards, all of a piece, now in the process of converting to organic farming

Each of the 17 rooms and suites is unique and luminous, overlooking the gardens, grounds and hills beyond. They effortlessly combine classicism bathed in the Mediterranean light and clean, graceful, contemporary lines. King-size beds, spacious bathrooms and all the latest-generation of technology: everything has been designed with comfort and discreet luxury in mind.

The grounds have been divided into several different gardens, where you can admire the scenery and take a rest. There are **hiking trails through the vineyards**, a large pool and a Spa providing top-quality service for guests to enjoy a truly relaxing break.

Private dinners, **wine-tasting sessions** in the cellar, oenology lessons scheduled for next year, conferences about the **Contemporary Art** exhibitions on the estate, fine dining on local delicacies and truffles at the gourmet restaurant Le Champ des Lunes or in bistro style at Cuisine d'Amélie manned by the young Michelin-starred chef Jérôme Faure: this place is fully devoted to what the French call Art de Vivre, demonstrating elegance and simplicity, and as such is fast forging itself a reputation.

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Avignon owns the only vineyard grown within city ramparts in France

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Situated on the Rocher des Doms, in the heart of the city, it only yields 20 hectolitres of wine, ie around 2000 bottles of Côtes du Rhône every year.

With the waterproofing work which was done at the end of 2013, the vines had to be ripped out and replanted in the spring in 2015. It was pruned for the first time last winter.

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Opening in
2017

The Carré du Palais: a showcase for the wines of the Rhône Valley

Avignon, Capital of the Côtes du Rhône, needed a prestigious venue to show off the wines of the Rhone Valley to best advantage. It will soon have one: the magnificent 18th-century mansion of Calvet de la Palun, one of the last mansions built in papal Avignon and former Banque de France, began its metamorphosis in 2014 to provide for 2017 a new exceptional location: the Carré du Palais, right by the Palace of the Popes.

It will comprise a Wine School, with a range of tasting workshops for every level and held in several languages, a wine bar with a terrace overlooking the Place du Palais des Papes and serving a full range of Rhône Valley AOC wines, a gourmet restaurant with a panoramic terrace overlooking the Place de l'Horloge, a high-quality apartment hotel and boutique shops featuring a range of natural ferments such as tea, chocolate, coffee and bread.

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The 80th anniversary of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape «AOC», the very first one in France



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Did you know that... Baron Pierre Leroy de Boiseaumarié, a native of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, is the father of the "Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée" (15th May 1936), the Protected Designation of Origin, which now rules French wines, and which has since been extended to many other local produce, including throughout Europe under the AOP, IGP, etc system..

Châteauneuf-du-Pape was thus the very first PDO in France. So 2016 is the year we'll be celebrating 80 years of one of the most prestigious wine appellations in the world. www.chateauneuf.com

So the time has come to:

- discover the various vintages from 85 estates within the appellation region at the same time, at the 7th Printemps de Châteauneuf-du-Pape (2-3 April)
- take an evening stroll on cosmic and œnological themes in the vineyards, with a historian and an astronomer to guide you, sampling the wines produced on the estates as you go, on Sunday 14 August
- travel in time back to the Middle Ages, when the Pope lived in Avignon, during the Fête de la Véraison (5 to 7 August)
- Share a day of harvest and a picnic with the wine-growers on 24 September 2016

Zoom on...

The Domaine des Peyre in Luberon: Wine, Art de Vivre and Contemporary Art

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After a long period in the doldrums, this estate boasting 20 hectares of terraced vineyards and a good dozen hectares of forest and scrubland, has now been taken over by Georges Antoun, hotelier, and Patricia Alexandre (a former contributor to the Gault Millau guides). This time-honoured site, with the former Roman road, the Via Domitia, cutting through it, now boasts five prestigious gîtes. Fully renovated, this place combines art gallery, tasting-room and state-of-the-art vat-house. The vineyard has been reorganised, tip-top technical facilities have been set up and a «wine resort» has been added in the fully renovated farmhouse.

Leveraging the talent of local artisans, the estate has recovered its former glory, giving visitors a chance to taste the wines produced on the estate in the newly refurbished former stables, and admire the various works of art dotted around the estate and in the gallery. Five luxury apartments for stays of one week, or weekend breaks in the low season. The décor features an interplay of stone, wood, metal and linen, chiming in beautifully with the charm of the crockery, picked up at an antique fair on Isle-sur-la-Sorgue. There's an infinity pool reserved exclusively for guests.

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The 2015 vintage

A great climate helped make 2015 a bumper year! The vines were all in excellent health and kind September weather made it possible to harvest the grapes at peak ripeness. Making it the best year in the past few years according to the wine-growers, with incredible potential for keeping and maturing well for red wine. Take note! !

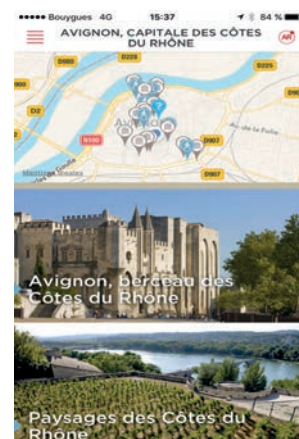
New smartphone applications developed by the Rhône Valley Wines



Two applications developed by Inter-Rhône were launched in 2016, to help visitors enjoy their stay in the vineyards.

The first one, **Festi Rhône Wines**, helps you set up a schedule of festivities during your stay. Music, festivals, tasting sessions, hikes, exhibitions: there's so much to do! Festi Rhône Wines helps locate these events, schedule them, and set up a reminder for when it's time to go.

The second, **Vins Rhône Tourisme**, affords a chance to visit Avignon from a lesser-known angle, that of Capital of the Côtes du Rhône. Various places of interest are pinpointed on the city map, featuring short, informative videos, always in connection with wine. New itineraries will soon be available in the vineyard. These applications are free and available in French and English.



History of the Côtes du Rhone vineyards

It is clear that grapevines existed in Provence during pre-historic times, but they most certainly obeyed only the orders of Mother Nature. In their wild state, grapevines prefer the banks of rivers and the proximity of rocks and stones, where the young vines find both the heat and the coolness they need for growth.

The first real signs of actual cultivation of the grapevine began with the arrival of the Greeks 600 years B.C., when the Greeks came ashore in what is now Marseilles, creating the foundations of the present city. From that point, the Massaliots, who were traders, created networks along the coast, while the Argonauts sailed up the Rhône. Fragments of Massaliot pottery have been found along the Ouvèze River. Following their onward progression, there is evidence that they established quarters in Bonpas, Avignon, and Sorgues. **The Rhône, king of rivers, provided transportation and was the very first wine road.**

After the Greeks came the Celto-Ligurians, then the Romans. These were troubled periods, beset with upheaval. Emperor Domitian ordered the Roman legions to tear out part of the vines. Later, another Roman emperor, Probus, encouraged replanting.

There remains much evidence of the Roman vine-growing presence on the left bank of the Rhône: a bust of a child god, steles sculpted with Bacchus and Ariane found in Vaison-la-Romaine, a fragment of a bas-relief representing a grape harvest found in Beaumes-de-Venise, a Roman sarcophagus sculpted with the triumph of Bacchus and Ariane found in Villelaure, sculpted heads of Bacchus found in Gigondas, as well as a small statue of Bacchus found in Saint-Marcellin-les-Vaison. **However, total destruction of the vines - vineas disseca - occurred following the barbaric invasions.**

Later, the region recovered and the church re-established its strength and influence. **With the religious renaissance came new vigour for the cultivation of the grape.** Many gifts of planted vineyards were made to the great monastic orders, to the abbots, and to the closest bishop or archbishop. We see that in 1155, a Vaison-la-Romaine citizen donated 3 vines to the Templar Knights for the redemption of his soul. At the dawn of the new millennium, the Church was the biggest landowner and contributed to the spread of vineyards.

In the 14th century, the Jews set down roots in the Comtat Venaissin under the protection of the Popes. They bought land from the peasants and planted it with grapes, or they lent money to the farmers to help them do so themselves. **As the Pontifical Court became firmly established in Avignon, the cultivation of the grape reached a peak.** The Papacy and its retinue were great enthusiasts and enlightened admirers of wines. Many estates developed throughout the Comtat Venaissin to serve the Papacy, which later created the vineyards in **Châteauneuf-du-Pape**. When the Papacy returned to Rome, the taste for wine spread to Italy, and great amounts of Côtes du Rhône wines travelled south.

After the Middle Ages, and up until the 18th century, the vineyards were kept up and expanded throughout the kingdom under the influence of the great dignitaries. Dukes, counts, and even simple palace officers had vines planted wherever they went. Wine from both the south and the north circulated farther and farther afield, making a name for itself. This was the heritage that was to give rise to the great 18th century Rhône Valley vineyards.

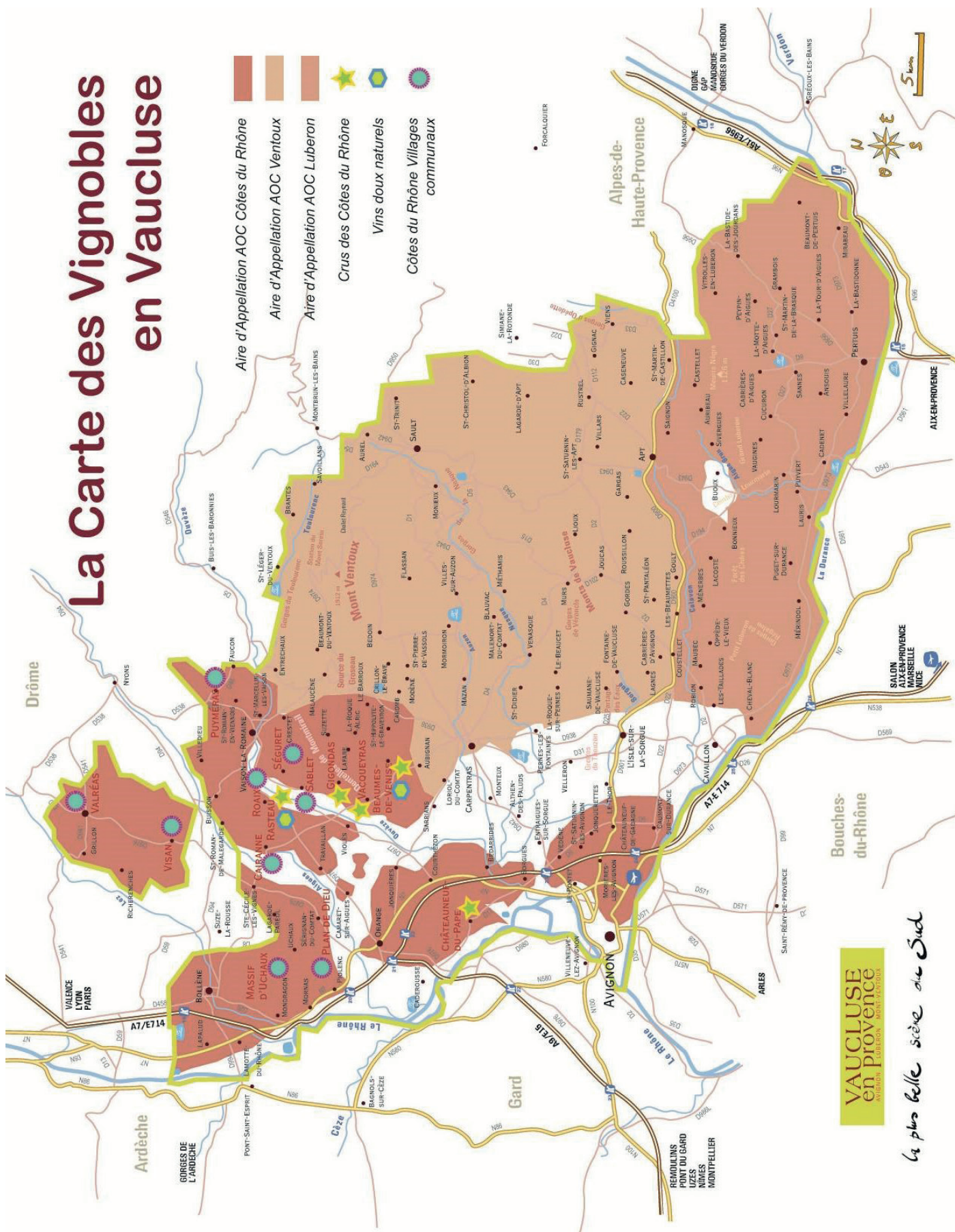
In the early 18th century, a **disastrous freeze** created a terrible scarcity of wine, and vintners in Provence had to replant their vineyards. In the **mid-19th century**, **phylloxera** made its appearance and became the worst plague of the entire century, **causing the destruction of more than half of all French vineyards** over a ten-year period. Many Vaucluse vine growers replaced their vines with truffles oaks.

By the **end of the 19th century**, they had learned how to battle the "terrible vermin" and the **vineyards were replanted**. From that time onwards, the countryside was reworked once again and the vineyards gradually recovered their previous magnitude.

Then came the **winter of 1956**, an extraordinary severe winter with temperatures of 17 below zero in Vaucluse. Nearly all of the olive trees planted on the hillsides, in terraced fields along the slopes, were killed by the cold. They were uprooted and the slopes were replanted with vines. This natural catastrophe, combined with favourable economic conditions, explains the widespread expansion of Vaucluse vineyards.

The Vaucluse Wine Map

La Carte des Vignobles en Vaucluse



- Aire d'Appellation AOC Côtes du Rhône
- Aire d'Appellation AOC Ventoux
- Aire d'Appellation AOC Luberon
- Crus des Côtes du Rhône
- Vins doux naturels
- Côtes du Rhône Villages communaux

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The 3 wine appellations in Vaucluse

Côtes du Rhône • Ventoux • Luberon

*“Doou bouen terradou, bouen vin”
(Provençal proverb - “from good land, good wine”)*

Planted on the last foothills of the Alps and of the Massif Central, **the Rhône Valley** vineyards lie along a great communication axis, and, for thousands of years, have followed the progression of civilisation. As a geographical entity, the Côtes du Rhône growing area is strictly defined and bound by the narrow Rhône Valley. It is one of the oldest vineyards in France, yet one of the most recent in terms of its reorganisation.

Côtes du Rhône and Côtes du Rhône Villages, the crus, and the Luberon and Ventoux wines are found on the left bank of the Rhône River. The wines of the Côtes du Rhône are part of the “Côtes du Rhône méridionaux” (southern Côtes du Rhône). And although the main production is red wine, you also find very elegant rosé and white wines.

The “Crus” of the Côtes du Rhône in the Vaucluse (left bank)

In very first place, we find “his holiness **Châteauneuf-du-Pape**”, with its reds and whites, noble, fine wines which need no further introduction. Then, growing at the foot of the Dentelles de Montmirail, the reputed **Gigondas**, **Vacqueyras**, **Beaumes de Venise** and, since 2010, **Rasteau** appellations offer superb, powerful red wines. Beaumes-de-Venise’s production of **muscat sweet wine** is also classified as a cru, and so is **Rasteau’s natural sweet red wine** (made out of the Grenache grape variety).

Côtes du Rhône Villages

The Côtes du Rhône Villages are spread over 95 districts of Vaucluse, Gard, Ardèche and Drôme counties. But only 18 of them have the right to mention their proper geographical name, among which 10 are in Vaucluse: **Cairanne**, **Roaix**, **Séguret**, **Sablet**, **Valréas**, **Visan**, **Plan de Dieu**, **Massif d’Uchaux**, **Puyméras** and the latest, **Gadagne**.

Luberon wines

The Luberon wines have been an AOC within the Rhône Valley since 1988 and spread over 36 villages. Their wines come from very old vine stock on the sunny slopes of the Luberon hills.

The **reds** are well-rounded, fruity and greedy. They have notes of red fruits (blackcurrant, blackberry, raspberry...). Another more elaborated kind of red wine has spicy notes such as pepper but reveals elegance and freshness, the distinctive characteristics of the AOC label. The **Luberon rosé** features a range of colours from very pale to intensive pink. Characterised by its notable bouquet of red fruits (strawberry and redcurrant) it is one of the most appreciated rosé wines of Provence. In 2014, the production of Luberon rosé wine reached a historic 51%. The **white AOC Luberon wine** (22% of the production in 2014) is vivacious and elegant. It has a lovely aromatic bouquet with fruity notes ranging from grapefruit to peach, from honey to toast for the most complex wines.

Ventoux wines

The Ventoux wines appellation was created in 1973 (then called “Côtes du Ventoux”). 15 co-operative cellars and 140 private cellars make up to 291.700 hectolitres in 2014, among which 60% in red, 35% in rosé and 5% in white. The Mont Ventoux, with its 1912m, shelters this vineyard. No less than 51 villages are included in the appellation, from Malaucène to Apt via Carpentras (source: key-figures of the appellation in 2014 – Inter-Rhône).

These wines are a profusion of scents and aromas. The reds, with enthusiastic aromas of red fruits and spice which evolve toward the truffle, leather and resin. The rosés, with floral hints of rosebud and broom flower which offset the more fruity notes of cherry and raspberry. The whites with scents of narcissus, geranium and iris which blend harmoniously with delicate sensations of pear, green apple, almond and citrus.

Since 2008, one does not say
« Côtes du Luberon » nor « Côtes du Ventoux »
but « Luberon » and « Ventoux ».

The 3 wine appellations in Vaucluse

Côtes du Rhône • Ventoux • Luberon

Red dominates...

87 % of the Côtes du Rhône wines are reds! This figure drops to 60 % for Ventoux wines and 27 % for the Luberon! Rosés represent 8% of Côtes du Rhône, 35 % of Ventoux and 51 % of Luberon, while whites make up only 5 % of Côtes du Rhône, 5 % of Ventoux and 22 % of Luberon wines (source: key-figures of the appellation in 2014 – Inter-Rhône).

Among the crus (all départements included), **five appellations are exclusively red**: Cornas, Côte-Rôtie, Vinsobres, Beaufort de Venise and Rasteau (excluding the natural sweet wines for the two latter);

Three are exclusively white: Château Grillet, Saint Péray and Condrieu,

and **one appellation produces rosé only**: Tavel.



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'Terroir' • Varietals • Harvest

Soils: diversity

The right bank of the Rhône River is characterised by skeletal soil with sand, calcareous sandstone and large stones. Some of the soils along the left bank are sandy and gritty. Large rounded pebbles serve the purpose of storing the day's heat and releasing it to the vines during the night. Other soils are sandy and clayey.

The **Côtes du Rhône** vineyards owe a great deal of their originality to the highly diverse soils on which they are planted.

The **Ventoux** AC area (5900 hectares of vine) is located in the heart of the Vaucluse, at the base of the chalky foothills of Mont-Ventoux and Monts de Vaucluse, well-sheltered from the Mistral wind.

The **Luberon** AC area stretches throughout the southern part of Vaucluse, in the heart of the Luberon Regional Natural Park. For the most part, the vineyards are planted on both gently sloping hills and on steeper slopes where water is available. They face south and are sheltered from the Mistral.



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Climate: long live the Mistral!

Vineyards in the Vaucluse benefit from a truly Mediterranean climate: hot, dry and very sunny. Rain can be quite heavy and concentrated. Most Rhône Valley wines are exposed to the Mistral wind, the violent yet necessary wind which blows from the North and keeps the vines dry and healthy. The Luberon and Ventoux appellations are less exposed to the Mistral.

Varietals: the kingdom of GSM

The special feature of the southern Côtes du Rhône wines is that they are exclusively blended. Hence the importance of combining the qualities of each grape variety. In these latitudes, **Grenache** is king, but it's not the only grape in the alchemy of Côtes du Rhône: **Syrah**, **Mourvèdre**, **Cinsault**, Carignan and Marselan (for reds), Viognier, Roussanne, Clairette and Bourboulenc, Grenache Blanc (for whites) are also part of the mix.

No less than **thirteen grape varieties can be included in the composition of Châteauneuf-du-Pape**, with no minimum or maximum content, which leads to an extreme diversity of styles and vintages. On the contrary, red Gigondas must contain at least 90% Grenache. Which is to say that nothing is less like a Rhône Valley wine than another Rhône Valley wine!

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Harvest

First comes the **proclamation of harvest time!**

In the ever-present quest for quality, the "ban des vendanges" or proclamation of the beginning of harvest was, a long time ago, a momentous occasion indeed. Firstly because it was a way of guaranteeing that the grapes were ripe enough, and secondly, it meant that all the growers would begin to harvest at the same time, avoiding the risk of stealing from another's vineyards. In the Middle-Ages, it allowed the collection and control of the *dîme* tax. In some regions, the official proclamation has existed since the 13th century. **In the Vaucluse, the first written references appear in the 15th century, and it became an official institution in the 16th century.** During the 17th century, there was two proclamations - one for the vineyards planted on the slopes, and another one for the vineyards in the plains.

On the average, looking at the harvest proclamations over several years, we can tell that the harvest period occurred between September 21st and October 15th. This tradition continued during the French Revolution; later, the responsibility for the proclaiming harvest time was entrusted to the town halls and to the *préfets* (département law authority), with varying degrees of success.

Since 1962, Châteauneuf-du-Pape has returned to the tradition of an official proclamation for the beginning of harvest time, an event which is celebrated with great pomp and circumstance. And for a few years now, Avignon, **Capital of the Côtes du Rhône** has also been celebrating this event on the last weekend of August.



An original concept: some grape-harvest trailers have been entrusted by the winegrowers of Cairanne to artists and Fine Arts students for creative experiments. Unused to working with metal, equipped with spray cans and brushes, they soon adapted to the support, corrugated iron, wooden slats and rust. Some found inspiration in Nature, others in Greek mythology, yet others worked in the idea of 'Exquisite Corpses' borrowed from Surrealism... For the fifth year, these brightly coloured trailers have been on show in the village square, before they went back to their most important job, travelling round the local roads during the grape harvest. The most successful trailers were given awards by a jury of artists.

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Wine routes in the Vaucluse

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Fourteen roads cross through the various appellations of the Rhône Valley. Six of them go through the vineyards in Vaucluse: around Avignon, the Enclave of the Popes, (Visan, Valréas), from Orange to Vaison la Romaine, around the Dentelles de Montmirail, the Ventoux and the Luberon. The roads take you through many wine villages, such as Gigondas, Beaumes-de-Venise, Vacqueyras or Visan... and bring 235 wine-makers together.

Each of these wine routes has been described in a map allowing you to spot the addresses of wine cellars open to the public and the main tourist sites of the area. They can also be downloaded at www.rhone-wines.com/en/route.

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A selection of cellars and estates



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This is by no means an exhaustive list of all the cellars in Vaucluse as there are far too many to attempt such a list. All in all, there are 705 private wine cellars, 35 cooperative wine cellars and 36 wine merchants sharing the Vaucluse territory.

235 cellars are listed in the “Vallée du Rhône, Terroirs d’Accueil” Charter, which guarantees a warm welcome by vintners to their vineyards. 166 are located in the Côtes du Rhône area, 37 in Luberon wine area and 32 in the Ventoux appellation.

In Châteauneuf-du-Pape, where the appellation is controlled by an independent body, 29 estates and merchants are certified by an independent organisation for the quality of their welcome in the context of “Sites Remarquables du Goût” (Outstanding places for taste).

This is simply a brief list of examples of some of the cellars which propose a little something “extra” to the visitor.

Château Val Joanis - 84120 Pertuis - (AOC Luberon)

Splendid classified gardens, elected Gardens of the Year 2008 by the French Association of Garden and Horticulture journalists. Various events organised in the year: harvest lunch late September, Christmas market in December. Visit of the gardens and tasting of wines and olive oil.

T.33 (0)4 90 79 20 77 - www.val-joanis.com

Château de Mille - 84400 Apt - (AOC Luberon)

One of the oldest wine castles of the region, former summer residency of the Avignon Popes in the 14th Century, a place where Jean Giono and Frédéric Mistral also used to stay.

T.33 (0)4 90 74 11 94 - www.chateau-de-mille.fr

Château St Pierre de Méjans - 84160 Puyvert - (AOC Luberon)

A Benedictine Priory from the 12th century, magnificent inner courtyard. Wine tasting in the chapel. Visits and wine-tasting by appointment.

T.33 (0)6 88 59 83 46 - www.saintpierredemejans.com

Château la Nerthe - 84230 Châteauneuf du Pape

A wonderful historical estate, the most beautiful in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The most ancient part, carved in the rock, dates back to 1560. Visits and wine-tastings for max. 12 pers. by appointment.

T.33 (0)4 90 83 70 11 – www.chateaulanerthe.fr

A selection of cellars and estates

Château d'Hugues - 84100 Uchaux - (Côtes du Rhône)

The winemaker here is also a painter and the various stages of the wine-growing and wine-making processes are illustrated by paintings within the wine cellar.

T.33 (0)4 90 70 06 27 - www.chateaudhugues.fr

Château de la Canorgue - 84480 Bonnieux - (AOC Luberon)

Beautiful Provençal bastide from the 17th century. Organic and bio-dynamic vine-growing. Regularly awarded wines at national and international fairs. This is also the place where the film "A Good Year", by Ridley Scott, was shot in 2007.

T.33 (0)4 90 75 81 01 - <http://chateaulacanorgue.com>

Chartreuse de Bonpas - 84510 Caumont-sur-Durance - (Côtes du Rhône)

A historical monument, with buildings from the 12th, 14th and 18th centuries. French gardens.

An interactive video and audio tour around the buildings is given by the last prior who inhabited the Chartreuse.

T.33 (0)4 90 23 67 98 – www.chartreusedebonpas.com

Château Pesquié - 84570 – Mormoiron - (AOC Ventoux)

Beautiful castle from the 13th Century restored in the 18th. Visits of the wine cellar and wine and olive-oil tasting . Signposted trail through the vineyards; harvest workshops; picnic in the vineyards.

T.33 (0)4 90 61 94 08 – www.chateaupesquie.com

Rhone Valley, a land of hospitality



A selection of the wine cellars where the visitor is given the best welcome has been made according to specific criteria. Wine cellars willing to take part in this programme have been classified from 1 to 3 grape leaves, according to the criteria met in the quality charter.

After 10 years of existence and a first adjustment in 2005 to improve services and to meet the expectations of wine tourists more precisely, Inter Rhône today enriches the criteria of the Charter while modifying the mode of allocation of vine leaves. The system in 3 levels remains topical and requirements are refined (51 criteria in total).

A new «WINE TOURISM» distinction



In 2014, a new «wine tourism» distinction was created for wine-growers with tasting sessions listed as «3 vine leaves» in the «welcome quality» charter.

This qualification aims to distinguish committed wine-growers who lay on additional services on top of the wine-tasting sessions such as a restaurant, accommodation or themed workshops. English-speaking sessions are guaranteed.

Wine and sustainable development

Organic farming in the Vaucluse

Vaucluse is the first organic wine-growing département in France!

With over 9000 hectares of vines already certified or in the process of being converted to organic farming (ie 18% of its total wine-growing area, and up to 25% in such appellation areas as Châteauneuf-du-Pape), it is ahead of Gard, Gironde and Hérault. The climate is particularly conducive thanks to the mistral wind, dry weather, sun. These climatic conditions lessen the appearance and spread of diseases and make it easier to implement organic farming than in other wine-growing regions.

© Château la Dorgonne



- **Château la Canorgue - 84480 Bonnieux**

T. 33 (0)4 90 75 81 01 - <http://chateaulacanorgue.com>

This much awarded-vineyard has been involved in organic farming for over 35 years, and its castle was the main setting of Ridley Scott's movie, A Good Year, released in 2007.

- **Château la Dorgonne – 84240 La Tour d'Aigues**

T. 33 (0)4 90 07 50 18 www.chateauladorgonne.com

Tours throughout the vineyard are proposed by this wine estate including a very well illustrated brochure

- **Domaine Pierre André, 84350 Courthézon**

T. 33(0)4 90 70 81 14 - domaine.pierre.andre@wanadoo.fr

A pioneer in organic agriculture! This Châteauneuf-du-Pape estate which has been organic since 1963 and in biodynamic since 1992!

- **Montirius – 84260 Sarrians**

T.33 (0)4 90 65 38 28 - www.montirius.com

A distinguished vineyard in Vacqueyras and Gigondas, promoters of the biodynamic philosophy since 1996.

- **Château la Nerthe – 84232 Chateauneuf du Pape**

T. 33 (0)4 90 83 70 11 - www.chateaulanerthe.fr

One of the oldest vineyards in Chateauneuf du Pape with a magnificent cellar built in 1560, where are preserved the wine bottles, ordered by the most famous restaurants in France.

- **Domaine de la Ferme Saint Martin - 84190 Suzette**

T. 33 (0)4 90 62 96 40 – www.fermesaintmartin.com

A breath-taking panorama in the heart of the Dentelles, and now a vintner's path to immerse oneself in the surrounding wine hills.

Wine and sustainable development

Bioventoux: Wine-growers, a terroir, a philosophy

Twelve organic wine-growers have got together to form the «Les Bio Ventoux» group. They have a range of things in common: a love of their area, Mont Ventoux, in all its diversity, a passion – wine - and a philosophy: organic farming. They have formed an association to pool their experience, know-how and express their sense of conviviality. They organise meetings, markets, festive events to promote their wines and their philosophy.

lesbioventoux@gmail.com - www.lesbioventoux.fr



Horses come back to the vineyards

Far from being just a slightly quaint idea, using animal traction in the vineyards is an answer to real problems: cutting down energy consumption, limiting CO2 emissions, reducing the packing down of the ground...

For some years, Daniel Coulon of the Domaine de Beaurenard in Châteauneuf du Pape has been experimenting with the use of horses to work the soil on several narrow, 80-year old vineyards. This wine grower, already in biodynamic agriculture, uses a service provider specializing in ploughing with horses. As well as the advantages already cited, plough horses can work more accurately among vines which are hard to reach. www.beaurenard.fr



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And also, recently converted to organic farming and already using horse traction: the Domaine de la Roncière www.domaine-de-la-ronciere84.com

Aureto in Gargas: wine-making which respects the environment

Respect for nature has led the Domaine Aureto, at Gargas in the Luberon, to introduce **renewable energy innovations**. The cellar has been totally reconstructed with two thirds buried in the ground. As a result, it blends in perfectly with the landscape and its atmosphere is naturally temperate. A heat pump is used for air-conditioning and elaborating the wine. A re-circulating gravel-filter water treatment plant drains the washing water, using the special porous qualities of pozzuolana, a natural rock coming from volcanic ejections which favours aeration. A separate area for washing agro-wine-producing equipment has been installed with a natural recycling system (made up of earth and straw)... In this way, natural sources are drained and reused on the property.

www.aureto.fr

Wine-making museums

The Brotte Wine Museum - Châteauneuf-du-Pape

T. +33 (0)4 90 83 70 07 www.brotte.com/le-musee

The Wine Museum of the Maison Brotte in Châteauneuf-du-Pape has seen a range of transformations since being founded in 1972. The most recent dates back to spring 2014 and offers, besides a striking set design, a fun and educational insight on the wines of the Rhone Valley, and those of Châteauneuf-du-Pape in particular. The idea was to pre-empt any questions from visitors about the wines of this flagship designation, without becoming daunting. Successfully done! Free entry, audioguide in several languages.



Musée Brotte © Valérie Gillet

The Wine and Vine Growing Museum - Ansois

T. +33 (0)4 90 09 83 33 - www.chateau-turcan.com

The specificity of the Château Turcan winegrowing estate is the presence of a large Museum of Wine and Vine. 3,000 artefacts - some as old as the 16th century - recount the history of wine, from the vine to barrel-making. An exhibition presents splendid antique glass objects: bottles, carafes and glasses from Venice, the Netherlands and Germany illustrating another aspect of the civilisation of wine, its service and consumption. The highlight of the tour is the breathtaking *Carré des Pressoirs*, with its display of a dozen antique presses from the end of the Middle Ages to the early 20th century. Open all year round.



Château Turcan © Valérie Gillet

Musée du Tire-Bouchon (Corkscrew Museum)- Ménerbes

T. +33 4 90 72 41 58 - www.musee-tirebouchon.com

Large collection of corkscrews, from the XVIIth century to nowadays. Quirky, funny, even moving at times. Open year round.



© Musée du tire-bouchon

Parcours Sensoriel (Wine Sensory Path) - Cairanne

T. +33 (0)4 90 30 82 05 - www.maisoncamillecayran.com

This path, an innovative concept, invites you to stroll as you please from one room to another, to watch a movie, read a bit about history, listen to the countryside, open your nose to the organ of aromas, touch the textures of wine... find the details of a drawing, appreciate a recipe, taste a Cairanne! Open year round, free entrance.



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The Vintners' Museum - Rasteau

T. +33 (0)4 90 46 11 75 - www.beaurenard.fr

A museum, vinothèque, collection of antique bottles, audio-visual presentation on the Côtes du Rhône wines. Open from April to September.

Discovering and tasting and...buying (at cellar door prices)

The wines grown in the Luberon Nature Park:

At La Maison de la Truffe et du Vin, in Ménerbes

Set in a magnificent renovated 17th-century town house, the Maison de la Truffe et du Vin (The House of Wine and Truffles) is an informative and entertaining venue, but also a place of learning both for the general public and professionals. As you might expect, the cellars are devoted to wine, and almost all AOC Luberon wines can be found there and bought at the same prices as at the winery. There is also a professional tasting room and an information area. Wine-tasting workshops can be organised.

The ground floor is largely given over to the truffle and the first floor to temporary exhibitions. A lovely French garden with a splendid view over the Luberon is the ideal setting for a wine and tapas bar from April to October (with truffle specialities).

T. 33 (0)4 90 72 38 37 - www.vin-truffe-luberon.com

The wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape:

At Vinadéa, in Châteauneuf-du-Pape

This cellar in the centre of the village groups a hundred Châteauneuf-du-Pape vintners and provides a chance to taste and buy just under 200 references of the famous vintage for a broad range of prices, many of them at 'estate' prices.

8, rue Maréchal Foch, Châteauneuf-du-Pape - T. 33 (0)4 90 83 70 69 – www.vinadea.com

The wines of Gigondas:

At the Caveau de Gigondas

Presentation of 100 references from 80 estates in the appellation, for the same price as at the estate.

Place Gabrielle Andéol, Gigondas – T. 33 (0)4 90 65 82 29 – www.caveaudugigondas.com

The wines of Cairanne:

At the Caveau du Belvédère

The very first Côtes du Rhône cellar founded in 1959 by the winegrowers of Cairanne presents the production of some thirty producers for the same price as at the estate.

Route de Sainte Cécile les Vignes, Cairanne - T.33 (0)4 90 30 85 71 - www.vignerons-cairanne.com

The Ventoux wines:

At the Espace Terroir at Carpentras Tourist Office

About forty wine estates are represented at this *Espace Terroir* (gourmet shop), not only dedicated to wine, but also to all food specialities from the Mont Ventoux area. A calendar of events gives many opportunities to taste the wines, usually in harmony with a local dish, such as black or summer truffles, depending on the season. In the summer, at 5pm each Tuesday, one can join a « On trinque en Ventoux » tasting session, open to all.

Carpentras Tourist Office, 97 place du 25 août 44, T. +33 (0)4 90 63 00 78 - www.carpentras-ventoux.com

The wines from the independent wine-growers of the Rhône Valley:

At "Le Palais du Vin", in Orange

A venue dedicated exclusively to the wines of independent Rhône Valley winegrowers: 150 estates and 600 references in a 250m² cellar where you can also taste or learn to taste.

(exit 22 on A7 motorway, Orange Sud) - T.33 (0)4 90 11 50 02 – www.lepalaisduvin.com

Initiation to wine-tasting and wine-blending



Côtes du Rhône Workshops, Avignon

Discover all the nuances of Côtes du Rhône wines at themed tasting workshops. This is the aim of the «After Work» events, so called because of their timing between 18:00 and 20:00. They are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the magnificent mansion which houses the offices of the Côtes du Rhône union, which organises the workshops. Once again this year, After Work will be laying on monthly Discovery workshops (Assembly, Food/Wine Combos), sessions focussing more specifically on individual Villages and entertaining tasting sessions, each more surprising than the one before!

A playfully alternative way to listen, watch, feel and taste wine and find out about wine-growing.

In French only

Contact: Emmanuelle Voinier – T.33 (0)4 90 27 24 14 - evoinier@inter-rhone.com
inter-rhone.com - www.inter-rhone.com

Mouriesse wine tasting school in Châteauneuf du Pape

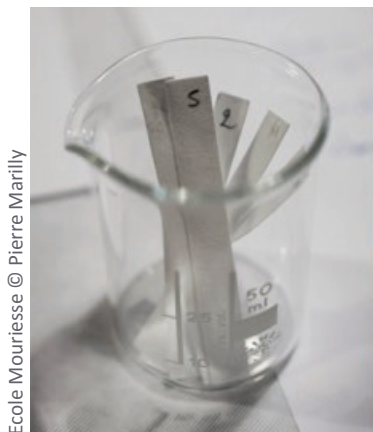
A variety of themed 2-hour wine tasting workshops are proposed by the Mouriesse Wine Tasting School, all of them held by experienced wine experts: initiation to wine tasting • discover varietals and the « vintage-effect » • discover how the local terroirs affect the wines (Rhône Valley wines, Northern vs. Southern crus, Châteauneuf du Pape) • understand the wine-making process • have a go at wine-blending.

Individuals can join one of the workshops held on Fridays (from 6 to 8pm) and on Saturdays (from 10am to 12pm), according to the calendar of classes regularly updated on the website. A la carte sessions are also possible upon request, from Monday to Saturday and from 2 participants.

Mouriesse Wine School, Châteauneuf du Pape

Contact: Mrs Brigitte MOURIESSE – Mrs Laurence Wetsch - T. +33 (0)4 90 83 56 15

www.oenologie-mouriesse.com – contact@labo-mouriesse.com



Ecole Mouriesse © Pierre Marilly



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Blending workshops to make your perfect wine

One of the main characteristics of southern Côtes du Rhône is the blending of various varieties helping to balance the wine. Grenache, Sirah, Cinsault, Mourvèdre, Carignan: an entire symphony of blends. Let's have a go!

At Château Maucoil, by Châteauneuf-du-Pape:

Equipped with a large tasting glass and even larger test tubes, assisted by a person from the cellar, the participant will discover the typical varieties of the Rhône Valley and create his own wine. He will take his own ideal creation back home, with his own label. From 2 to 12 people, upon request.

T. +33 (0)4 90 34 34 48 - laurine@maucoil.com - www.lavau.eu

At Mouriessie Wine Tasting School, in Châteauneuf-du-Pape :

In a vaulted hall in the village centre, a wine specialist from the Mouriessie wine school explains the basics of assembly and lets the participants try it out for themselves.

T. +33 (0)4 90 83 56 15 - www.oenologie-mouriessie.com

At Domaine Armand, in Cairanne

From 1 April to 10 August, you can book a half-day at the Armand estate in the company of a wine specialist. After a tour of the winery and an introduction to tasting, you set about making your own ideal vintage.

T. +33 (0)4 90 30 81 50 - www.domaine-armand.com

With sommelier Guido Vacca at the 17 Place aux Vins Wine Bar

This wine bar in Isle sur la Sorgue has teamed up with the Franco-Italian wine waiter Guido Vacca to organise introductory tasting sessions: themed workshops on the southern Rhône Valley appellations, cheese/wine combos, electric bike excursions through the vines, days and evenings with the wine-growers: the packages are well-rounded and friendly.

Le 17 place aux Vins – 17 place Rose Goudard – T. 04 90 15 68 67
17.place.aux.vins@gmail.com - <http://17placeauxvins.fr>

Mixing workshop: learn how to impress your friends with a cocktail made with Beaufort-de-Venise

You just have to admit that sweet wines no longer wow people like they did back in the Seventies. Cocktails, however, are all the rage!

In the heart of Beaufort-de-Venise, the Beaumalric estate has put together totally trendy «mixing workshops», to turn white muscat into an exotic B-Kawai and rosé muscat into a decadent Pink Devil. The barman Sébastien Rouvière used to work in smart hotels and lounge-bars in Paris and on the French Riviera before returning to his Vaucluse birthplace. He created these original recipes and leads this workshop every Wednesday all summer long. You get to learn the basics of the art of making cocktails and see that there's more to Beaufort-de-Venise than meets the eye!

Enrol/Reservations : T. +33 (0)4 90 37 19 79 - €20/pers.

Domaine Beaumalric, Place du 8 mai 1945, 84190 Beaufort-de-Venise



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Initiation to wine-tasting and wine-blending

Understanding the 4 terroirs of Châteauneuf-du-Pape at Maison Ogier

Established over a century ago in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Maison Ogier is reputed today for its expertise in Vallée du Rhône produce and wine-growing savoir-faire. It houses a wine-cellar that's centuries old, one of the biggest in the Vallée du Rhône. It's a lively place with a tasting-session area.

Wine tourism feature: outside the cellar, there's a *Conservatoire des Terroirs* featuring the four types of soil that made the Rhône vintage so famous (rounded rocks, sandy loam, etc.). After a visit to this conservatory and full explanations, visitors taste 4 wines from these four places. This demonstrates very clearly just how important the very French notion of "terroir" is for wine.

By appointment only: guided tours with commentary of the conservatory and cellar where the wines mature; for small groups: cycling tour of vineyards in four Châteauneuf-du-Pape territories; tour with an expert geologist and introduction to wine-tasting with sensorial analysis and hands-on session with the excellent Ogier vintages.

Maison Ogier, 10, Avenue Louis Pasteur, 84230 Châteauneuf du Pape - T. 33 (0)4 90 39 32 41 – www.ogier.fr

Wine and chocolate

Several producers offer wine and chocolate tasting: a delicate, but explosive combination!

- **Pavillon des Vins – Maison Bouachon**, Châteauneuf-du-Pape: fun tasting sessions pairing Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines (red and white) and Aline Géhant's ganache-chocolate. www.pavillondesvins.com
- **Chocolats Castelain**, Sorgues: this chocolatier of Châteauneuf-du-Pape also sells a selection of Rhône Valley wines and offers wine and chocolate tasting workshops. www.chocolat-castelain.com
- And there is also the **Wine & Chocolate Festival** on 5-6 November 2016 at Cave de **Rasteau** (cf. Festivities chapter) www.cavederasteau.com



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Truffle & Wine and Wine & Cheese tastings in the Ventoux

The Terraventoux cooperative in Villes-sur-Auzon has devised a series of regular events to taste their wines with local delicacies:

- **Aper'Truffles**, for friendly pre-dinner drinks where you can learn about combining food with wine, sampling truffle bites and the top wines produced at the winery.
- **Wine and Cheese tasting**, along with Carpentras-based Master cheesemonger and maturing expert Claudine Vigier, The promise of a fascinating and friendly moment.

Upon reservation and according to set calendar.

Terraventoux, 84570 Villes sur Auzon - T. 33(0)4 90 61 79 47 – www.terraventoux.fr

Food & Wine

Picnic at the estate

French King Henri IV said: "Good food and good wine: this is paradise on Earth." This chapter explores different initiatives highlighting the combination of wine and gastronomy.

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The Marrenon picnics (La Tour d'Aigues in the Southern Luberon)

Every Thursday in July and August for individuals, these winemakers of the cooperative wine cellar of Marrenon welcome you for an outing in the vineyards followed by a Provençal picnic. At 11am, everyone meets at the cellar at the entrance to the village of La Tour d'Aigues before going to Domaine du Grand Vallon. For an hour along a path accessible even to very young children, you stroll through a vineyard with a vintner who describes his work with the vine and the wines of the Luberon in general. Then everyone settles down in the shade of the holm oaks for a Provençal picnic featuring the finest wines of Marrenon and continue talking with the winemaker or the sommelier, or listening to the cicadas' song.

From 10 to 20 people, every Thursday in July and August and upon request for groups (20 people max). Rate for the walk + picnic: €15/pers. And €6/child under 12. Booking necessary, at the latest on previous Monday. Languages spoken: French/English.

Marrenon, La Tour d'Aigues

www.marrenon.fr - espacedevente@marrenon.com - T. +33 (0)4 90 07 51 65



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The Château Pesquié picnics (Mormoiron, Ventoux)

In the summer season, you can book a day to enjoy French art de vivre *à la Provençale* at Château Pesquié: the day starts with a stroll along the wine-grower's walking path (45 min), informative brochure in hand (F-GB-D-NL). You then get a guided tour of the winery and a tasting session involving various vintages. Lastly, you get a wicker basket of local produce which all go splendidly with the château wines, to be enjoyed in the shade of immense plane trees out in the garden.

Château Pesquié, at Mormoiron www.chateaupesquie.com

Reservations: reception@chateaupesquie.com



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Hike and picnic in the Dentelles de Montmirail

You start out from the cooperative wine cellar of Beaumes-de-Venise, on foot or bicycle, for a hike to explore the Massif des Dentelles de Montmirail. An opportunity to find out about the very special, ancient local soil in these vineyards thanks to the guide's commentary. The hike finishes with a picnic washed down with wines from the cellar in a spectacular green setting. As from 4 persons. Book with oenotourisme@rhonea.fr - www.rhonea.fr

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Picnic in Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Two wineries organise outings in their vineyard, ending on a picnic entirely made of local specialities.

At the **Domaine de Nalys**, you start with a lovely view of the village de Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Mont Ventoux and the Dentelles de Montmirail, listening in on the guide's commentary on the vineyard's history. You get insights into the appellation rules for the many assemblies strolling along a path featuring 13 varieties. Back at the winery, you taste the various vintages and settle beneath the olive trees to feast on a picnic of local produce washed down with estate wines. Bookings only, as from 2 persons, from Tuesday to Friday. www.domainedenalys.com

The **Cellier des Princes** arranges bike rides with a gastronomic lunch. Visitors set out from the cellar with their own bike or with an electric or pushbike available for hire on site. Using a road book, you ride through the Châteauneuf-du-Pape vineyards, stopping off half-way to enjoy a picnic (with table and chairs), prepared by the local caterer Biscarel. The cellar wines are laid on for free with the picnic. Starting at 2 persons. www.cellierdesprinces.fr

Picnic in a Ventoux wine estate

Le Domaine de la Marotte has been organising picnics by their cellar ever since 2009. You first take an audio-tour of this family estate, and enjoy a picnic with the wines of the estate laid out on a table in the shade.

www.marottevins.com

Cheese and liqueur at the Distillerie Manguin

The Distillerie Manguin has been operating for nearly 60 years amid the orchards on La Barthelasse island in Avignon. It organises cheese and liqueur tasting sessions one Friday a month. The liqueur is selected from the wide range of spirits distilled there, in one of the huge copper stills, and the cheese is selected by a famous local cheese-maturer Josiane Déal. Up to 20 participants get to taste 7 original combos.

Bookings only. €33/person.

Distillerie Manguin, 784 Chemin des Poiriers, 84000 Avignon - www.manguin.com - T. +33 (0)4 90 82 62 25

Save the date!

Every Pentecost weekend, all over France, and thus on many Rhône Valley estates, people take their wicker baskets to take part in the «**Picnic with the Wine-grower**» operation. The idea is simple: you bring the food, and the wine-grower brings the wine. It's a chance to talk with the wine-grower, visit their estate and winery, and sometimes take in a jazz concert, improvise a game of pétanque and enjoy various family activities. In short, every event is unique, just like the wine-growers who organise them. In Vaucluse, there's the Domaine des Favards (Violès), in Château Pesquié (Mormoiron), Château Fontvert (Lourmarin), Château Gigognan (Châteauneuf-du-Pape), and many more!

From 14 to 16 May 2016

www.piqueniquechezlevigneron.com

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Wine bars and restaurants for wine-lovers

The region's many wine bistros provide a chance to learn about Rhône Valley wines. And, since wine and food go hand in hand, cooperative cellars create their own restaurants to offer gourmets the finest combinations.



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New

A wine-grower's restaurant in the Ventoux

A Ventoux - a cross between adventure and the Ventoux. This is the name of the new restaurant on the upper floor at the Château the Croix des Pins, in Mazan. In a typically Provençal dining room, or on the terrace with a view of the vines, you can lunch or dine, enjoying simple cuisine, made with fresh, local produce, at a reasonable price. The ideal opportunity to taste the estate wines in ideal conditions.

A Ventoux, 902 chemin de la Combe, in Mazan - T. +33 (0)4 90 66 27 64 - www.chateaulacroixdespins.fr/a-ventoux

«La Table d'Alain Jaume»: having lunch at the wine-grower's in Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Along the lines of a «tasting meal», the Maison Alain Jaume / Domaine du Grand Veneur organises visits of the cellar, followed by a tasting session to enjoy food and wine combos with commentary from the estate wine waiter during a friendly meal. There's a single menu, served at lunch-time, that combines well with the various estate vintages. Bookings only, from Tuesday to Saturday, starting on 8 August.

Alain JAUME, 1358 route de Châteauneuf du Pape, in Orange - T. 04 90 34 68 70 - www.vignobles-alain-jaume.com

« Wine & Cheese » pairing at Chez Sylla (restaurant of the wine cooperative in Apt)

Sylla is one of those modern, dynamic co-operative cellars that have decided to add another good reason to drop by other than simply leaving with a bottle. The now serve a daily lunch menu featuring farm cheeses accompanied by various salads and seasonal flowers, that go well with the Ventoux and Luberon wines. A « wine and cheese » sampling space has its natural home here, in partnership with local cheesemaker « Cabécou et Poivre d'Âne ».

Cave de Sylla- 84400 Apt - T. +33(0)4 90 74 95 80 - www.sylla.fr - chezsylla@sylla.fr

600 wines are listed in «l'Oustalet» a restaurant on a small square in Gigondas

Owned by the Perrin family since 2009 (Domaine Beaucastel in Châteauneuf-du-Pape), this old house is full of aromas from the wonderful cooking of Laurent Deconninck, and his impressive gastronomic travels. And if you're asking yourself what wine would go with his lemon risotto and pata negra with emulsion of parmesan cheese and black pepper or with his langoustines in almond milk, you just have to immerse yourself (with the help of the sommelier) in the wine list to find the best one among the 600 listed! Truffle dishes in season.

l'Oustalet, place du Village, Gigondas - T. +33 (0)4 90 65 85 30 - www.restaurantoustalet.com

Wine bars and restaurants for wine-lovers

One of the most beautiful selections of Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines: The Table of Sorgues

There are places where all the local wine growers go, because they're sure to find good food there, and also have interesting finds on their extensive wine list. The Table of Sorgues is one of those places and it can boast of having one of the best selections of Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines in the region. Delicious food, which changes according to the seasons and what's available in the market.

La Table de Sorgues, 12 Avenue du 19 Mars 1962, Sorgues – T. +33 (0)4 90 39 11 02 - www.latabledesorgues.fr



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A trendy place amongst the vineyards: Côteaux et Fourchettes (Cairanne)

Elected «New Talent 2015 of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region» by Gault Millau, Cyril Glémot opened this restaurant-cellar in the heart of the vineyards of Cairanne in 2010. He offers a creative gastronomic cuisine with fresh produce in season, mostly from local producers and, of course a fine range of wines. The menu changes every fortnight. The restaurant features clean modern decoration in taupe and white colours. Its fine terrace opens onto the countryside, with a panoramic view over an ocean of vineyards.

In the adjacent wine shop, you will find all the bottles featured on the restaurant wine list, many of them at cellar door prices. Jean-Philippe, the sommelier, will help you make your choice between the 50 references on sale.

Coteaux & Fourchettes, Croisement de la Couraçonne, Cairanne - T. +33 (0)4 90 66 35 99
www.coteauxetfourchettes.com info@coteauxetfourchettes.com

Wine bars and restaurants for wine-lovers

Enjoy wine by the glass

In Avignon :

- **Avitus** - 11 rue du Vieux Sextier – T. 33 (0)9 84 27 57 97
www.avituslacave.com - Wine outlet, wine bar, tapas, themed wine tasting.
- **La Vache à Carreaux**, 14 rue Peyrolierie, 84000 Avignon – T. 33 (0)4 90 80 09 05 - www.vache-carreaux.com
Restaurant and wine bar specialised in wine and cheese.
- **Le Zinzolin** – 22 rue des Teinturiers – T. 33 (0)4 90 82 41 55 - www.lezinzolin.fr
Restaurant and wine bar in Avignon's most picturesque street, concerts on Thursday nights
- **AOC**, Place Jérusalem – Avignon T. 33 (0)4 90 25 21 04
Wine bar, wine outlet and restaurant.
- **Le Vin devant Soi**, 4 Rue Collège du Roure 84000 Avignon – T. 33 (0)4 90 82 04 39 - www.levindevantsoi.fr
A large selection of Rhône Valley wines to be tasted by the glass, through a oenomatic system.

A Carpentras :

- **Le Grenache**, 107 place de verdun – T. 33 (0)4 90 67 96 65 - cavelegrenache@gmail.com
Wine shop, wine bar, tapas in the evening. Very good selection of local wines (Ventoux AOC + Rhône Valley)

A Beaumes de Venise :

- **L'Amérigo Vespucci**, Avenue Jules Ferry, 8490 Beaumes de Venise – T. 33(0)4 90 62 95 27
A wine bar with tapas and with excellent crus from the Côtes du Rhône.

At L'Isle sur la Sorgue:

- **Le 17 place aux Vins** – 17 place Rose Goudard – T. 33 (0)4 90 15 68 67
A friendly wine bar + wine shop, serving tapas. Themed wine-tastings with sommelier Guido Vaca.
- **Le Caveau de la Tour de l'Isle** – 12 rue de la République – T. 33 (0)4 90 20 70 25 www.caveaudelatourdelisle.fr
This is one of the oldest wine bars in the Vaucluse, open since 1982, both a shop and a wine and cheese bar in a 1930s setting.
- **Sous la robe** - 5 avenue des 4 Otages – T. 33 (0)4 86 65 25 10
New wine bar in the town centre, along the Sorgues River

A Vaison la Romaine :

- **Le Bonheur Suit son Cours** - 20 cours de Taulignan T. +33 (0)4 90 46 45 27 <http://lebonheursuitsoncours.com>
Wine bar with a large selection of natural, organic and biodynamic wines. Bistro-food at lunchtime and in the evening
- **L'Arbre à Vin** - 14 place Montfort - T. +33 (0)6 67 32 75 86 - <http://larbreavins.com>
Wine shop and wine bar, with a large local wine selection, tapas plates, themed evenings and wine-tastings.

A Gigondas :

- **Le Nez** - place du Rouvis - T. +33 (0)4 90 28 99 59 - www.loustalet-gigondas.com
Wine bar and wine shop of Restaurant l'Oustalet, in Gigondas, large wine list, brasserie menu, themed wine tastings.

Activities in the vineyards

On your merry way - walking around the vineyard

Walking around the vineyard

Some sign-posted paths allow walkers to fully appreciate landscapes across the Vaucluse typified by its vine-laden hillsides. Trails are usually marked along the way with explanatory panels providing information on the grape varieties, terroir, know-how of the Rhone Valley wine producers. Last but not least, what better introduction to a tasting?



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Around villages:

Rasteau

A 4-km botanical path, with explanatory signs, leads you through the vineyards and the village of Rasteau and allows you to make the most of the fantastic vistas, the Rasteau wine hills facing the Dentelles de Montmirail, the Mont Ventoux and the very first peaks of the Alps mountain range.

Rasteau Tourist Office: rasteau@vaison-ventoux-tourisme.com /33 (0)4 90 46 18 73.

Or Rasteau cooperative wine cellar T. 33 (0)4 90 10 90 10 – www.rasteau.com (upon reservation, guided walks along this path, followed by wine-tasting at the cellar)

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The visitor is offered an interpretation of the landscape and better understanding of the wines, the history, land and people of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC through several sign-posted footpaths (from 2.8km to 7km) in the vineyard. Brochure available free of charge at the Tourist Office (F-GB).

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tourist Board

T +33 (0)4 90 83 71 08 - chateauneufdupape@paysprovence.fr

Oppède

This path is an invitation to discover the A.O.C. Luberon wines. This path is a 5-km loop marked throughout, explaining the soils, and the grape varieties going into the Luberon wines. Signs in French and English on the soils, the varieties and the wine-making methods for Luberon wines and on the local table grapes.

Oppède-le-Vieux. Start from the carpark at the Sainte Cécile terraces - www.oppede.fr/a-visiter

Cucuron

This walk is actually made up of 2 loops (West, 1h30, East 1h15). You will discover the magnificent vine landscapes, but also the centre of the village and the fascinating Marc Deydier museum. Of course, it will also allow you to taste the wines of private estates or at the cooperative wine cellar. A path marked in both French and English, and a bilingual brochure available at the Tourist Board. Regular guided walks in season.

Cucuron Tourism Board - T.33 (0)4 90 77 28 37

www.cucuron-luberon.com - officetourisme.cucuron@wanadoo.fr

Cairanne

Starting from the village square, a short itinerary (30 min.) winds through the vineyard to discover and recognise the main vine stocks in the Cairanne designation (panels in French).

T. +33 (0)4 90 30 85 71 - www.vignerons-cairanne.com - caveau-du-belvedere@wanadoo.fr

Activities in the vineyards

On your merry way - walking around the vineyard

Vacqueyras

The walking trail which goes through the vineyards of Vacqueyras was created by the wine-growers themselves. This 8-km path (3h walking, easy level) is an invitation to the discovery of an exceptional landscape. 15 signs and a viewpoint indicator (F – GB), lavishly illustrated with coloured pictures and images, will reveal every secret of that unique terroir. *Vignerons de Caractère – Cave de Vacqueyras – 84190 Vacqueyras*

T. +33 (0)4 90 65 88 37 - www.vacqueyras.tm.fr/parcours-vignerons - promo.vacqueyras@orange.fr

Valréas and the Valréas Enclave:

Nine walks –not solely dedicated to the discovery of the local vineyard- starting from one of the four towns of the papal enclave (Valréas, Richerenches, Grillon and Visan) will lead the hiker through the vineyards, with lovely panoramic views of the Mont Ventoux and the mountain Lance. Free leaflet with 18 circuits (hiking, cycling, mountainbiking, in French/English/German) available at the Tourist Office in Valréas.

Valréas Tourist Office – T. +33 (0) 04 90 35 04 71 – www.ot-valreas.fr

Around wine estates:

Château la Verrerie, at Puget (South Luberon)

Some estates are born under the best circumstances: the latter is located at Puget-sur-Durance, at the precise spot where prehistoric vats of wine were found, carved in rock more than 4,000 years ago. As its name suggests, before it revived viticulture, la Verrerie, was a glass factory! As well as these happy omens, there is the beautiful scenery in this corner of the Luberon which, in 1981, seduced Jean-Louis Descours (owner of the French shoe chain store André) and pushed him to create the estate. Thirty years and 2 generations later, Château la Verrerie, which went organic in 2010, produces a wide range of greatly prized wines, and olive oils! There are a number of activities on the estate, including a signposted wine trail across the vineyard. Young and old can have fun while they learn about vines and different grape varieties, and enjoy breath-taking views over the Durance valley. Duration of the walk: Approximately 1hr 30.

T. +33 (0)4 90 08 32 98 - <http://chateau-la-verrierie.com> - boutique@chateau-la-verrierie.com

Château Fontvert at Lourmarin (South Luberon)

Since 2010, the wine-estate of Jérôme Monod & Sons, now in organic farming, is no longer satisfied with producing beautiful wines, praised by Robert Parker and other famous critics, but also offers a chance to visit their vineyards, individually by following the explanatory signs and a map handed out at the cellar, or in the company of the Maître de Chai (wine-maker), from May to September (free, by appointment only): the splendid landscapes of the Southern Luberon in introduction to the estate's superb wines; two circuits, 1.7 and 1.5km, with signs on winegrowing, the land, flora and fauna of the Luberon, etc.

T. 33 (0)4 90 68 35 83 – www.fontvert.com – info@fontvert.com

Domaine de la Marotte in Carpentras

Elvire and Dan Van Dyckman invite the public to a walking-discovery of their domain and the varietal show garden. At a small cost the owner will lend an I-pod and a map to each participant. There are 9 signed stops on the way and the visitor will be given every relevant information by the I-pod (in F, GB, D, NL) about the vines, the press, the cellar, the laboratory... before ending the visit by a wine tasting in the cellar. One can also order a picnic basket to end the tour.

T.+33 (0)4 90 63 43 27 www.marottevins.com - info@marottevins.com

Domaine La Ferme Saint Martin, in Suzette (Dentelles de Montmirail)

There's so much to enjoy at this estate, certified organic since 1998. It boasts 35 hectares of vines, scrubland and woods in the sumptuous Dentelles de Montmirail landscape! The all-new hiking trails takes you to explore one the highest vineyards of the Beaufort-de-Venise appellation, also producer of Ventoux wines, with breathtaking panoramas. It's also a great chance to learn about organic farming, with everything done by hand. Magnificent landscapes and wise teachings!

84190 SUZETTE - France - T. 04 90 62 96 40 - www.fermesaintmartin.com

Activities in the vineyards

On your merry way - walking around the vineyard

Château La Dorgonne at La Tour d'Aigues (Luberon)

The vintners here have long been committed to natural viticulture and organic vines. There are walks to be had throughout the vines, to learn about the varieties grown and drink in the gorgeous Luberon landscapes. Here, two marked walks, 1 ½ hour or 40 minutes are described in a richly illustrated guide which explains how the wines are made in a very environment-friendly way. Visitors receive the map of the estate with the chosen walking itinerary, and finish up with a visit of the winery and a wine-tasting. The brochure comes in French, English, German and Dutch, and cellar reception speaks French, English, Dutch and Italian.

Nicolas Parmentier - T. : 33(0)4 90 07 50 18 - www.ladorgonne.com - info@ladorgonne.com



Château Pesquié at Mormoiron (Mont Ventoux)

This estate, located in the AOC Ventoux area, has been growing vines according to the principles of integrated and sustainable farming for over 30 years and is now switching to organic farming. The vineyards surround the 18th century Provencal bastide and the modern winemaking cellar which is partly underground. A 45-minute hiking path allows you to discover these splendid surroundings and a brochure (French/English/German/Dutch) provides all the information on the terroir, the grapes and the château. Besides, upon reservation, one can visit the cellar and sample the estate's wines, book a picnic under the century-old planes trees or even a truffle lunch, or attend a proper wine-tasting in the professional wine lab.

T. 33(0)4 90 61 94 08 – contact@chateaupesquie.com - www.chateaupesquie.com

Cave Canterperdrix, à Mazan (Ventoux)

This **hike** has been organised by one of the appellation's largest cooperative cellars, taking you to admire splendid views of Mont Ventoux. It's fun for the whole family (2 hrs 30 min) and takes in not only the various varieties of vine, but other emblematic farming scenery including cherry orchards. Visitors can buy a reasonably priced brochure (French-English) complete with detailed map, at the cellar. Once you've finished the hike you can come back and taste the wines.

A second 2-hour **bike ride**, with the same brochure, takes you through more varied scenery. Furthermore, the cellar wine-growers recommend two picnic spots: one in the Bois de Rouret, the other near a dry stone hut, in the shade of an olive grove. T. +33 (0)4 90 69 41 67 - www.demazet.com



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Activities in the vineyards

On your merry way - walking around the vineyard

Ampelography collections or where to see Rhône Valley grape varieties

One of the main characteristics of the southern Rhône Valley wines is to be made from the blending of different grape varieties. An ampelography collection, or varietal discovery path, will help you recognise the differences between grape varieties and learn about their specific culture methods and the terroir they thrive on.

{ the awarded trail }

The Pedagogic and Ampelographic Vine of Cairanne

This award-winning pedagogic vine created in 2004 represents almost all Côtes du Rhône varieties. Vintners and students have been taking care of the harvest since 2009. Each vintage is being sold to the profit of the school cooperative at the Caveau du Belvédère at Cairanne, and the label is drawn by the school-children.

T. +33 (0)4 90 30 86 53 – www.vignerons-cairanne.com – syndicat.cairanne@sfr.fr

{ the most exhaustive }

Domaine de la Citadelle

Route de Cavaillon, 84660 Ménerbes - T. +33 (0)4 90 72 41 58 - www.domaine-citadelle.com –Path with no less than 95 varieties, explanatory panels.

{ the highest one }

Les Vignerons du Mont Ventoux

T. 33 (0)4 90 65 95 72 –www.bedoin.com – caveau@bedoin.com

23 grapes varieties, with signs, and a viewpoint indicator

{ To illustrate the 13 varieties allowed in a Châteauneuf-du-Pape wine }

Château Beauchêne

13 grape varieties of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC wine and Mediterranean terraced garden.

Route de Beauchêne – 84420 Piolenc - T. +33 (0)4 90 51 75 87 - www.chateaubeauchene.com

Domaine de Nalys

13 grape varieties of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC wine - T. +33 (0)4 90 83 72 52 - www.domainedenaly.com

{ and also }

Cave de Rasteau

Route des Princes d'Orange, Rasteau - T. 33 (0)4 90 10 90 14 – www.cavederasteau.com - All Rhône Valley varieties

Château Simian

D 172, Route d'Uchaux, 84420 Piolenc - T. +33 (0)4 90 29 50 67 - www.chateau-simian.fr -18 Rhône Valley varieties.

Domaine de la Présidente

Route de Cairanne – 84290 Sainte Cécile les Vignes - T. +33 (0)4 90 30 80 34 - www.presidente.fr

About ten varieties of the Rhône Valley indicated with information panels.

Château Fontvert à Lourmarin (South Luberon)

T. 33 (0)4 90 68 35 83 – www.fontvert.com – info@fontvert.com

16 grape varieties, with signs, planted in front of the cellar – Besides, a discovery trail winds its way around the estate.

Activities in the vineyards

In horse-driven carts • in a buggy • on an electric bike...

Discovering the vineyard in a horse-driven cart

Cave TerraVentoux

84570 Villes sur Auzon T. +33 (0)4 90 61 79 47 - oenotourisme@cave-terraventoux.com - www.terraventoux.fr

Tour in the vineyards with the comments of a wine-grower, followed by a wine-tasting. Each Wednesday in July and August, or on request (4-6 people). A couple of tasty stops to sample local specialities. F/GB.

In a buggy

Les Vignerons du Mont Ventoux

Quartier la Salle, 84410 Bédoin - T. +33 (0)4 90 65 95 72 - www.bedoin.com - caveau@bedoin.com

You will be driving a two-seat buggy with a guide who will comment on the landscapes and the vineyards. The drive lasts roughly 2 hours and will take you to various plots at different altitudes. It ends at the cellar, with a tasting of wines produced in those very plots, so that one can clearly see the «terroir-effect». Upon reservation, from 2 to 6 people.

On an electric bicycle or solex moped

Cave TerraVentoux

84570 Villes sur Auzon – Mormoiron - T. +33(0)4 90 61 79 47 – www.terraventoux.fr

You will leave on your **electric bicycle** with a person from the winery, out to discover the terroir of the AOC Ventoux wines. You will wind your way through the vineyards and cherry orchards, along quiet little roads and will stop on a village square, by a trickling fountain, for a glass of wine with local cheese. At set dates and upon reservation.

The winery also organises non-guided outings for 2 people on an **electric solex moped** including picnic lunch. A map with the itinerary is provided before departure - subject to booking.

Bike rental only available on www.location-terrabike.fr

On horseback

Rhonea - Vignerons de Beaumes de Venise

84190 Beaumes-de-Venise - T. +33 (0)4 90 12 41 00 - www.rhonea.fr -

For for all ages and levels, this local horse-ride takes you right into the Dentelles de Montmirail. A wine tasting session rounds off the excursion.

In a four-wheel drive

Rhonea - Vignerons de Beaumes de Venise

84190 Beaumes-de-Venise - T. 04 90 12 41 00 - www.rhonea.fr - oenotourisme@rhonea.fr

Exclusive tour of various plots of the Beaumes de Venise appellation in a 4-wheel drive, followed by a wine-tasting at the cellar (min 2 people).

Guides and excursions in the vineyards

Understanding the « terroir » with Olivier Hickman

English-citizen Olivier Hickman provides guided tours around the Rhône Valley vineyards. His aim is to show, in a fun and accessible way, how the styles of the wines tasted are influenced by the “terroir”, the grape varieties, the way the grapes are grown and the winemaking methods. Several options (excluding transport): half a day with visits of 2 or 3 wineries, a full day exploring the crus of north Vaucluse, wine and food pairing at the estate, excursions with wine tasting during a picnic in the Dentelles (3h) or an initiation to wine-tasting in the place of your choice. French/English.

Wine Uncovered, Sablet - T. 33 (0)6 75 10 10 01 – www.wine-uncovered.com



© O. Hickman

Excursions with Le Vin à la Bouche – Céline Viany

Céline Viany, a sommelier with a degree from the Université du Vin in Suze-la-Rousse, has more than 20 years of experience in her profession. She is now using her experience to propose tours throughout the Rhone valley vineyards. These itineraries include guided tours of cellars and an introduction to wine tasting with each vintner. Theme itineraries make it possible to combine wines and local produce, like olive oil or cheese.

Her excursions run from 2 to 6 people, half or full days, leaving from Avignon.

French/English.

Le Vin à la Bouche, Mornas - T: +33 (0)4 90 46 90 80 / +33 (0)6 76 59 56 30
www.levinalabouche.com – contact@degustation-levinalabouche.com

Kelly McAuliffe – Wine Tours



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An American living in France for over 25 years, Kelly McAuliffe is a Sommelier with a passion for wines from the Rhône Valley. For many years Head Sommelier for Alain Ducasse and Christian Étienne’s Michelin-starred restaurants, he developed strong ties with some of the best vintners in the area. Charismatic, cheerful, he successfully communicates not only his expertise, but also his passion for Rhône Valley wines to his audience. (Guiding only – no transport). Languages spoken: F/GB

Kelly McAuliffe, T. +33 (0)6 22 54 23 35 – kmcauliffe@hotmail.fr

Guides and excursions in the vineyards

Wine Safari

A 'Safari' with a specialist of Rhône Valley wines, Mike Rijken. Born in the Netherlands, he settled in the Rhône Valley in 1990 and worked for Château de Beaucastel in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Thanks to his experience as a Chef and his tasting savvy, he can explain why a wine goes with certain foods, which influence wine, etc. Tour of two winegrowing estates, introduction to the Region, territory, vineyards and winemaking, and introduction to wine tasting. (Tour only -no transport) Languages spoken : F/GB/D/NL

Wine Safari, Mike Rijken – T. +33 (0)6 19 29 50 81 – www.winesafari.net

Provence & Wine - Romain Gouvernet

Wine school, "Wine, Spirit and trust Education School" in Paris, ... Romain Gouvernet is one of the latest arrivals on the local wine tourism scene, but he's already attracted much interest given his knowledge and simplicity. Perfectly bilingual (French-English), he organises tours of the estates and leads evening tasting sessions.

T. +33 (0)6 86 49 56 76 - www.provenceandwine.com

Wine Prestige Tour – Le Goût des Autres – Pierre Fernandez

Wine tourism guide based in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Pierre Fernandez offers tours in the vineyard and tasting workshops (initiation, pairings and wine...) with his partner, the Ourouse cave. Professional licence for transports.

Languages: French, English

Wine Prestige Tour - T. 33 (0)6 83 533 979 - www.wineprestigetour.com

Mistral Tour - Valentina Cavagna

Valentina Cavagna is Italian-born but perfectly trilingual (French-English-Italian). Her long experience working for Rhône Valley vineyards allows her to offer vineyard excursions full of energy and enthusiasm, with enlightened explanations. *Mistral Tour, Tel. +33 (0)6 76 54 96 50 - www.mistraltour.fr*



Guides and excursions in the vineyards

Regular excursions from Avignon



Provence Réserveation

The pioneer of regular excursions in a minibus from Avignon has not overlooked discovery of the region's winegrowing heritage, with guides specially trained in wine tasting. There again, there are several options, often associated with cultural discoveries: Châteaux & Domaines (½ day), Great wines & famous sites (full day) or Culture & Wine (½ day around Orange and Châteauneuf-du-Pape), Wine-tasting Initiation (½ day), Escorted Wine Tour: Tavel and Châteauneuf-du-Pape (½ day) and Wine Education in the Rhone Valley (full day). The agency also organises stays of 1 to 3 days under the label «Vineyard & Discoveries»: food and wine around the Dentelles de Montmirail, cooking classes with a Chef in Avignon...etc.

Provence Réserveation – T. +33 (0)4 90 14 70 00 - www.provencereservation.com

Avignon Wine Tour: Wine excursions with François Marcou

François Marcou has designed 6 different circuits, set on different days of the week and with a departure from Avignon, to discover the Rhone Valley vineyards. French/English.

84000 Avignon - T. 33 (0)6 28 05 33 84 – www.avignon-wine-tour.com

Provence Panorama

This other local tour organiser has its own range of wine tours: Great Vineyards Tour, Wines, Chocolate, Villages & Monuments, On the road to Châteauneuf-du-Pape, and Introduction of wine tasting in Châteauneuf du Pape.

Provence Panorama – T. +33 (0)4 90 29 76 05 - www.provence-panorama.com



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Taking part in the grape-picking

In September (or October, depending on harvest times), people can take part in the “vendanges” (grape-picking) for half-a-day or a full day, enjoy a well-deserved lunch with the wine-makers, spend time in the wine-cellar as the grapes are taken in and pressed, thereby gaining a unique insight into the wine-making world.

Domaine des Grands Devers

84600 Valréas - Contact: Louis-Pascal BOUCHARD

T.: +33 (0)4 90 35 15 98 - www.grandsdevers.com

The Domaine des Grands Devers is both a wine estate and a guest house. Louis-Pascal Bouchard, the wine-grower, offers packages staying at the B&B and spending a day attending the wine harvest. The package is available from 2 to 4 people and includes one night at the guest house with breakfast, taking part in the harvesting and wine-making process at the cellar, lunch and dinner, wine included; upon reservation. Languages spoken: F / GB

Château de Clapier

84120 Mirabeau – Contact: Julie Bogenschütz - T. 33 (0)4 90 77 01 03 – www.chateau-de-clapier.com

Saturday 1 October 2016, harvest celebrations with various animations for all, guided tours of the old cellars, built in 1880, lunch (upon reservation), etc.

Harvest picnic in Châteauneuf-du-Pape

La Grange Neuve, Suzette, Beaume de Venise – contact : Bernard & Sylvie Mendez

T. 33 (0)4 90 65 08 37 – www.domainebeauvalcinte.com - contacts@domainebeauvalcinte.com

As is now the tradition and for the 5th year running, a big harvest picnic will take place on 24 September in a Châteauneuf-du-Pape wine estate, this year at Château Jas de Bressy. Upon arrival, the participants share breakfast with the wine producers. The group is then split into two groups, one of them goes on a tour of the cellar to understand the winemaking process, while the other one grabs some secateurs and starts picking grapes in the vineyards. Later on in the morning, the participants change groups. At noon, lunch is served outside for both visitors and wine-growers. Early afternoon, for those who will skip siesta-time, geologist Georges Truc offers a short walk around the vineyards to understand this famous French concept of « terroir » and how geology can influence wine.

Information & booking at the Tourist Office, T. +33 (0)4 90 83 71 08 - chateauneufdupape@paysprovence.fr

And also

- Harvest day at Château Pesquié in Mormoiron (www.chateaupesquie.com)
- Harvest day on 1st October at the Cave Beaumont du Ventoux at le Barroux (www.beaumont-ventoux.com)
- «Vendange des Chefs» (chefs' harvest) on 18th Sept. at Beumes de Venise with Rhônéa (www.rhonea.com)
- Harvest day at organic wine estate Domaine Beauvalcinte in Beumes-de-Venise on Sunday 11 & Sunday 18 September
www.domainebeauvalcinte.com



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Talking about wine

Distilleries

Several distilleries make traditional Provençal aperitifs and syrups. They have shops and can organise distillery tours by appointment, certain days of the week.

- **Distillerie Manguin**, on the island la Barthelasse in Avignon, has for been making spirits using traditional methods for nearly 60 years; it became famous for its Poire Williams (pear brandy).

Distillerie Manguin © N. Ruffat-Wesling



New

Distillerie Manguin now organises **cheese and spirits tastings!** Once a month, one can book a tasting cum-dinner evening, including 7 unusual pairings between a selection of cheeses from local cheese-maturer Jo-siane Déal, and a Distillerie Manguin spirits. At set dates, see calendar on website.

784 Chemin des Poiriers, 84000 Avignon
www.manguin.com - T. +33 (0)4 90 82 62 29

- **Distillerie Blachère** (since 1835), in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, produces syrups, including the inescapable Pac Citron, as well as L'Origan du Comtat, anise-flavoured pastis, etc.

Route de Sorgues, 84230 Châteauneuf-du-Pape
www.distillerie-a-blachere.com - T. +33 (0)4 90 83 53 81

- **Distillerie Girard**, in Jonquières near Orange, makes the famous Pastis Girard and many other Provençal spirits.

Route de Carpentras, 84150 Jonquières
www.pastisgirard.com - T. +33 (0)4 90 70 60 48

Discovering wine and vineyards through painting

“Observing, touching, smelling, listening to the vine... the better to savour the genesis of a wine:” this is the proposal from the father-and-son team Bernard and Bastien Pradier, vintners and artists at Domaine du Château d’Hugues. They offer a two-day course, in which participants can, in turn observe and touch the vine, learn the basics of drawing and sculpture in a studio and go out into the vineyards to practise the lessons learned. Everything takes place in a convivial atmosphere, with lunch at the estate or a picnic in the vineyards, always in harmony with Château d’Hugues wines, with informal conversations with these remarkable winegrowers-cum-artists.

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Château d’Hugues, in Uchaux
 T. +33 (0)4 90 70 06 27
www.chateaudhugues.fr
chateau.dhugues@terre-net.fr

Women and wine

Working the vines, making wine, tasting... for too long these actions have had exclusively masculine associations whereas numerous initiatives have finally allowed women to take their revenge: they no longer have to prove that they, too, are capable of being wine growers, sommeliers and oenologists...

Regular excursions from Avignon



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This association was started in 2004 thanks to the enthusiasm of a woman wine grower, Anne Hugues, who normally expends her energy at the Domaine de la Royère (Luberon): she has brought together around thirty members, wine growers, of course, but also women working as professionals in the wine industry in the Rhone Valley. Present at many national and international events, both for professionals and the general public, these women endeavour to make the wines of the Rhone Valley more widely appreciated by cultivating a simple and convivial approach to wine. While expertise and professionalism are certainly in evidence, laughter and good humour are equally present.

www.femmesvignesrhone.com

Contact: Françoise Roumieux, President
francoise.roumieux@vignobles-mayard.fr

T. +33 (0)6 73 86 30 47

Staying with a lady-sommelier

The Wine B&B

Danièle Raulet-Reynaud, an internationally known sommelier and member of “Femmes Vignes Rhône”, welcomes visitors to her guesthouse in the centre of the village of Châteauneuf du Pape and introduces them to the wines of other members of the association and, of course, to the wines of Châteauneuf. In the summer, she holds «apero fun» sessions on Friday evenings, commenting on your glasses of red and white Châteauneuf-du-Pape as you sip them.

www.chateauneuf-wine-bb.com

L'Auberge du Vin

Armed with her diplomas from the Wines & Spirit Education Trust, a love of French wine and a carefully thought out project to come and live in Provence, Linda Field left England where she was born to come and settle at the foot of Ventoux with her husband. At her guesthouse, she organizes workshops for initiation into wine tasting which will open the doors to greater knowledge of the wines of the Rhône Valley.

www.aubergeduvin.com



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Winegrowers from elsewhere

Château Unang, in the Ventoux area

James and Joanna King bought a castle with vineyards and forests at the dawn of 2000. This British couple travelled the world, from London to Beijing, before finally settling down at Malemort-du-Comtat, in the foothills of Mont Ventoux, happy at last to have sunshine and greenery for their two young urban children. They have learned their new profession with a determination and enthusiasm that has quickly propelled their wines to prominence in the AOC Ventoux appellation. Their secret: small yields, grapes harvested by hand, respecting the vine and nature. But also, above all, a passion for their land, their vineyards and this magical place that is Château Unang.

Contact: James & Joanna King - www.chateauunang.com - joanna@chateauunang.com

Domaine de Mourchon, in the Dentelles de Montmirail

This story begins in Scotland in the 70s, when Walter McKinlay and his wife Ronnie decided to add a Vacqueyras wine to the wine list at their restaurant The Udney Arms Hotel, in Aberdeenshire. It was the beginning of a love affair with the wines of the southern Rhône Valley, and then for the Vaucluse and its scenery, which in 1998 led them to buy a 17 hectare estate in the heart of the Dentelles de Montmirail, on the hills of Séguret. Until then the grapes had been made into wine in co-operative cellar. Shortly afterwards, they were joined by their daughter Kate and her husband Hugo Livingstone and their three children. And that is how the Domaine de Mourchon came to be, a family cellar, in a stunning setting, which everyone is talking about!

Contact: Hugo Livingstone
www.domainedemourchon.com - hugo@domainedemourchon.com



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Château la Dorgonne, in southern Luberon

The inhabitants of the British Isles are not only ones to enjoy the vineyards of the Rhône Valley to the point of buying a piece of it! In 1999, Bauduin Parmentier, who came from Belgium, gave up his career as a banker in Belgium to set himself up in viticulture. He became the owner of what would become Château de la Dorgonne, in Tour d'Aigues, in southern Luberon. His nephew, Nicolas Parmentier, followed him with his wife and children and the family renovated an abandoned vineyard and adopted the principles of organic farming, dear to their philosophy of life. And as the estate also has 2,800 olive trees, these same methods of culture and respecting the environment, are applied to their olive oil. Some space left for a vegetable garden? Perfect, the Bauduins decide to put Carole, their chef, in charge of cooking up a whole range of local products (organic and preservative free, of course), which are now sold in pretty glass jars in their shop. That's the kind of Belgian story we like!

Contact: Nicolas Parmentier - www.chateauladorgonne.com - nicolas.parmentier@ladorgonne.com

Wine celebrations



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{ The new-comer }

The Côtes du Rhône Marathon - Sunday 23 October 2016 - Avignon

This first marathon starts in Avignon, as befits the capital of the Côtes du Rhône! It's a sporting challenge catering to tourists, harnessing two trends: running and wine tourism.

The race starts at 9.00 am from the famous Pont d'Avignon, crossing the river through to the Gard region, then back to La Barthelasse island, with its superb views of the old town. The route takes you past historic monuments and through Côtes-du-Rhône vineyards. A total of 42,195 kilometres through the autumnal landscape of the southern Côtes du Rhône vineyards, with wine tasting and refreshments, of course.

Over 1,000 participants are expected at this French Athletics Federation approved race.

Information and bookings: www.planete-endurance.com/#!/marathon-des-cotes-du-rhone/cfvg

{ The oldest one }

Fêtes des Vins in Vacqueyras - 13 & 14 July 2016

Already in its 44th year this traditional festival celebrates the wines of Vacqueyras! It's not only the oldest in the area, but also one of the most popular, with its merry and easy-going atmosphere. On Saturday evening, you can taste Vacqueyras wines with plates of food from exhibiting producers (oysters, foie gras etc.). On Sunday, after mass sung by a choir in Provençal, we watch the sacrifice of the vine (a must-see) with the Master Winegrowers of Vacqueyras and sit down to a grand country meal. In the evening, the local Bastille Day dance brings to a close a day full of entertainment and tastings.

T. +33 (0)9 75 24 37 83 - fetedesvins-vacqueyras@wanadoo.fr

Wine celebrations

{ The traditional ones }

Vineyard and Wine Festival – 7 May 2016 in all wine-producing Villages

For the 22nd time, a large number of cellars in the Vaucluse will run an open spring weekend. Activities of any kind and for all ages will mark this day of conviviality. A privileged event that is part of our vintners' tradition!

Press contact: T. +33 (0)4 90 84 01 67 - fetevvv@aol.com

The Véraison Medieval Festival – 5 to 7 August 2016 - Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The véraison is the special time in the life of the grape as it slowly progresses toward total ripeness in the heat of the month of August. For three days, the village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape is transformed into a Medieval city, where visitors can enjoy an authentic historic experience, travelling back to the 14th century, under the pontificate of Pope Clement VI, the most epicurean of Avignon's supreme pontiffs, who set up his summer residence in the village. The 2016 Véraison grape-ripening festival boasts an exceptional and cosmopolitan programme attended by international Medieval troops, leading authorities in the world of Medieval reenactment. Knights on horse-back from the Spanish company, Drakonia; flag wavers from the Italian Gruppo Storico Fivizzano; Scottish and Celtic musicians from the Claymor Clan, troubadours from the Czech Krless company, etc. There will also be a large celebratory banquet, held on the Friday evening in the stadium area from 8pm onwards. Access to the festival, its processions, street shows and concerts is unrestricted and free of charge.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tourist Office - T. +33 4 90 83 71 08 - www.paysprovence.fr

La Nuit du Vin – 14 August 2016 - Rasteau

On August 14th, from 5 pm until midnight, Rasteau celebrates its sweet wine, Grenache. You buy a Rasteau vintage glass and use it for free tasting at the many stands; many craftsmen propose their wares, food can be purchased on the spot for dinner. Entertainment, folk music and dance: an original event to the glory of Rasteau's sweet Grenache wine.

Rasteau Tourist Office - T.+33 (0)4 90 46 18 73 - rasteau@vaison-ventoux-tourisme.com – www.rasteau.fr

Ban des Vendanges

(Harvest Proclamation)

Saturday 27 August 2016 - Avignon

This celebration takes place in Avignon and marks the start of the harvest in all the wine-producing villages. From 4pm: on the Place du Palais des Papes, a procession of Bacchic brotherhoods in their traditional costumes, with the proclamation -in the Provençal language- of the start of the harvest. At the Rocher des Doms, above the town, an old wine press is used to press the very first grapes. Later on, in the evening, one can just buy a glass of wine and a bottle of the year's vintage, together with a plate from the gourmet market, and take a seat along the rows of large tables. A large festive concert marks the end of summer in the Capital of Côtes du Rhône wines.

Avignon Tourist Board - T. 33 (0)4 32 74 32 74

Press contact: Compagnons des Côtes du Rhône – T. 33 (0)4 90 16 00 32

www.banvendanges.com - ban.des.vendanges@orange.fr



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Wine celebrations

Millévin – Thursday 17 November 2016 - Avignon (every third Thursday in November)

Traditionally, every year on the 3rd Thursday of November, Avignon dons its festive garb to host Millévin, a key event celebrating the year's vintage as a whole and, more generally, Côtes du Rhône wine. After sampling –and possibly buying– the new year's vintage wine in the morning at the Halles indoor market, everyone will gather in the late afternoon on Place de l'Horloge to sample and assess the new vintage. The day will end with a "Côtes du Rhône" dinner in one of the 30 partner restaurants in Avignon.

Maison des Vins – T.33 (0)4 90 27 24 00 - www.vins-rhone.com

{ The expert }

Les Printemps de Châteauneuf du Pape – 2 & 3 April 2016 - Châteauneuf du Pape

This 7th wine fair of Châteauneuf du Pape is a spring event showcasing the most famous cru of the Rhone Valley through more than 80 wine estates, each exhibiting his production for tasting and sale. Wine tasting sessions, themed workshops and Master classes provide the general public with an opportunity to acquire a better knowledge of the diversity of the appellation's distinct, potent and elegant wines (upon prior booking). Just outside the fair, visitors will find a small market selling products selected from "Sites Remarquables du Goût" (places made famous by a quality product made, grown or farmed there), such as oysters, cold meats or cheese, which can be eaten on the spot.

Contact: Anne-Sophie Ay, Fédération des Syndicats de Producteurs de Châteauneuf du Pape

T. +33 (0)4 90 83 72 21 - www.lesprintempsdechateauneufdupape.fr - contact@lesprintempsdechateauneufdupape.fr

{ The evening... ou daytime walks }

Escapade des Gourmets – 15 May 2016 - Rasteau

L'Escapade des Gourmets is a 6km outing to discover Provençal wines and taste the wines of Rasteau. This walk passes through the vineyard, with gourmet breaks every kilometre, where the gourmand can enjoy a dish paired with a type of wine. All this while enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Rasteau area: Dentelles de Montmirail, Mont Ventoux, etc.

www.terres-de-lumiere.com contact@terres-de-lumiere.com–

T. 33 (0)6 48 51 31 84



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Flânerie au Crépuscule -

27 July, 3 & 10 August 2016 - Puget-sur-Durance

As from 6.30 pm, the Château La Verrerie is waiting for you with a welcoming glass of wine. Visitors then enjoy a hike through the vineyards, with a guide providing commentary on the vines, finishing off with an estate wine tasting session. Then there's music, with food available from the truck in the estate courtyard. Upon reservation (€15).

boutique@chateau-la-verrierie.fr - www.chateau-la-verrierie.fr – T. +33 (0)4 90 08 97 97

Cosmic oenological hike at Châteauneuf-du-Pape - Sunday 14 August 2016

This is a hike with several themes: find out about the history of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape village, with writer and historian Jean-Claude Portès, then take on the cosmos observing stars through a telescope with the astronomer André Cassès, and wrap it up with, what else, tasting sessions with the appellation wines. Not forgetting: gastronomy, with a generous gourmet meal served in the village streets. From 5.30pm, bookings with the Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tourist Office- T. +33 (0)4 90 83 71 08 - www.chateauneuf.com

Hiking in the vineyards of Beaumes de Venise – 5 June 2016

Hiking in the vineyard with various stops and a simple seasonal lunch, in the heart of the Dentelles de Montmirail. Please make sure you wear some hiking shoes.

T. +33 (0)4 90 12 41 00 - oenotourisme@rhonea.fr - www.rhonea.fr

Wine celebrations

{ The most dramatic }

Le Bar à Vins des Côtes du Rhône - From 7 to 30 July, from 7 to 11pm - Avignon

During the Festival d'Avignon which transforms the city into a gigantic theatre, the Côtes du Rhône wine bar sets up shop in the lovely courtyard behind the offices of the Syndicat des Côtes du Rhône, usually closed to the public. Every evening, a different Rhône Valley appellation is feted, according to a preset schedule, and the wine-growers themselves come to let festival goers taste some 20 odd wines. A music band contributes to the relaxed summer atmosphere. Simply buy one glass (€10) to attend the tasting sessions. You may also purchase platters of tapas. Closed on 11, 14 & 20 July.

press@inter-rhone.com

Programme of tastings at www.vins-rhone.com/planete-rhone/article/festival-des-cotes-du-rhone

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{ The most gourmand }

Gigondas sur Table - Monday 16 July 2016 – Gigondas

The Gigondas wines have thrown their cards on the table and for the 4th year running invite you to come and celebrate their wines and their gastronomy on a summer evening in the village square. Provençal chefs are invited to reach the sublime with Gigondas wines. They will demonstrate their know-how with delicious «verrines» and other fine dishes. In response there will be forty or so local winemakers with their finest vintages, of red and rosé. You can stroll from one stall to another and taste entrées, dishes, mature cheeses or special desserts, accompanied by the best wines. Booking is highly recommended from June onwards. 50 EUR per person.

T +33(0)4 90 37 79 60 - www.gigondas-vin.com - promotion@gigondas-vin.com

Vendange des Chefs – 18 September 2016 – Beaumes-de-Venise

Imagine a gourmet lunch, prepared by famous local chefs, set in the vineyards of Beaumes-de-Venise. As an appetiser, a 20-minute walk in the vineyards to reach the setting, and a digestive walk later on to go back to the winery where dessert and coffee await you.

T. +33 (0)4 90 12 41 00 - oenotourisme@rhonea.fr - www.rhonea.fr

Festival Vin et Chocolat – 5 and 6 November 2016 – Rasteau

For the 7th Wine & Chocolate Festival, the cooperative Rasteau winery will once again put the spotlight on one of the finest chocolate-makers in the region to associate them with the latest Rhône Valley vintages! What better alliance than natural sweet Rasteau wines with ganache and the finest cocoa vintages. The agenda include tasting workshops, demonstrations, manufacturing workshops for young and old... Assuredly one of the great autumn gourmet events!

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Wine brotherhoods

Most of the wine brotherhoods or confraternities started as charitable institutions and have existed since the 15th century.

Today, they lend their support to cultural and artistic events in France and abroad, where their pomp and splendour add to any event. Yet, promotion of their local vintage remains their primary goal.



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Some brotherhoods...

Echansonnerie des Papes

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<http://echansonnerie-despapes.com>

Commanderie des Côtes du Rhône

M. Patrick Galant
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www.commanderiecotesdurhone.fr
com.cdr@orange.fr

Confrérie St Vincent des Vignerons de Visan

Cave des Coteaux de Visan
84820 Visan - T. +33 (0)4 90 28 50 80 cave@coteaux-de-visan.fr

Confrérie des Chevaliers du Gouste-Seguret

M. Claude Faraud
T. +33 (0)6 99 73 93 14 (Monique Mounet)
monique.mounet@free.fr

And two organisations who count on the local wine scene

Les Compagnons des Côtes du Rhône



Châtelet du Pont d'Avignon - Rue Ferruce - 84000 Avignon
T. +33 (0)4 90 16 00 32 - www.foudevin.com - ban-des-vendanges@wanadoo.fr

An association created in 1995, comprising of about 50 members, wine-makers or simple Côtes-du-Rhône aficionados- aiming at the promotion of the Côtes du Rhône wines and in charge of the organisation of some wine events (such as the Harvest Proclamation early September).

The Grenache Association

www.grenache-association.com - marlene@grenachesymposium.com

Contact: Marlène Angelloz – T. +33 (0)6 61 60 95 96

An association which aims to promote this vine stock emblematic of the Southern Rhône Valley, too long underestimated, and organise events to restore its prestige (Grenache Night, International Grenache Day...)



Accommodation at the vineyard

Bed and Breakfast

New

Domaine Dieulefit (organic)
231 chemin de la penne,
Quartier Dieulefit, 84820 Visan
T. 04 90 41 91 87 - www.domainedieulefit.com

5 beautiful rooms -1 of them a family suite, staying with a passionate organic wine-grower. Fantastic table d'hôtes, themed packages (truffles, ...), walks in the vineyards. We just love it!

Château Grand Callamand
Route de la Loubière, 84120 Pertuis (Luberon)
T. +33 (0)4 90 09 61 00
www.chateaugrandcallamand.com
3 beautiful bedrooms, staying with Luberon independent wine-growers who left their previous jobs to start a new life.

Le Château du Mourre du Tendre
84350 Courthézon
T. 33 (0)4 90 70 24 96 – 33 (0)6 21 28 59 58
www.chateaudumourredutendre.com
2 delightful bedrooms staying with producers of Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Château Gigognan
Chemin du Castillon, 84700 Sorgues
T. 33 (0)4 90 39 57 46
www.chateau-gigognan.fr
5 bedrooms in a luxury home, château-style, in a Châteauneuf-du-Pape estate.

Domaine le Puy de Maupas – * épis**
Quartier Maupas, 84110 Puyméras
T.33 (0)4 90 46 47 43
www.puy-du-maupas.com
5 rooms and 1 self-catering cottage. From May to October, at 6pm, tour of the wine-cellar every Thursday, and epicurean aperitif every Tuesday.

Domaine Les Grands Devers - * épis**
84600 Valréas - T.33 (0)4 90 35 15 98
www.grandsdevers.com
Themed packages: taking part in the wine-harvest in the autumn, digging for truffles in the winter.

Domaine L'Oustau des Lecques - * épis**
84190 Vacqueyras – T.33 (0)4 90 12 37 34
www.gites-chambres-vacqueyras.com
2 rooms and 2 self-catering cottages.

Les Auzières - * épis**
84110 Roaix - T.33 (0)4 90 46 15 56
www.auzieres.fr
5 rooms including 1 family suite at an independent wine-maker's.

Mas l'Evajade - * épis**
(cooperative wine-growers)
84190 Beaumes de Venise
T. 33 (0)4 90 62 95 84 – www.evajade.fr
4 rooms – kitchen in common for hosts

Domaine de la Guicharde - ** clés
(converting to organic and biodynamic farming)
84430 Mondragon
T. 33 (0)4 90 30 17 84 / (0)6 48 17 79 91
www.domaine-guicharde.com
1 room

Domaine Le Van - ** clés**
(organic farming)
Route de Carpentras,
Quartier du Van, 84410 Bedoin (Ventoux)
T. 33 (0)4 90 12 82 56 - www.domaine-le-van.fr
4 rooms – table d'hôtes (upon reservation)

Domaine la Condamine - * épis**
84410 Crillon le Brave (Ventoux)
T. 33 (0)4 90 62 47 28 - www.lacondamine.info
5 bedrooms and table d'hôtes.



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Accommodation at the vineyard

Hotels

Nouveau

Domaine de Fontenille

Route de Roquefraiche, 84360 Lauris

T. +33 (0)4 90 08 23 36

www.domainedefontenille.com

17 rooms in a magnificent hotel in the Luberon hills, by the eponymous wine estate.

Domaine de Cabasse***

Route de Sablet, 84110 Séguret

T. +33 (0)4 90 46 91 12 www.cabasse.fr

Hotel and wine-estate with 19 rooms and restaurant, overlooking a sea of vines.

Domaine La Coquillade*****

84400 Gargas (Luberon)

T. 33 (0)4 90 74 71 71 - www.coquillade.fr

A 5* luxury hotel with 63 rooms and suites scattered in small houses around the estate, 3 restaurants, 2 large swimming pools, a 1500-m² spa, all by the Aureto winery.

Hostellerie des Fines Roches****

in Châteauneuf du Pape

T. +33 (0)4 90 83 70 23 - www.chateaufinesroches.com -

11 rooms in this hotel adjoining the Domaine Mousset (www.mousset.com), in Châteauneuf du Pape

Hôtel Les Florêts***

Route des Dentelles, 84190 Gigondas

T. +33 (0)4 90 65 85 01

www.hotel-lesflorets.com

14 rooms in a delightful hotel nestled on the slopes of the Dentelles de Montmirail and owned by the wine-growers of Domaine de Garrigue in Vacqueyras. Popular restaurant and impressive wine list!

Houses with services

La Bastide de Marie

84360 Ménerbes (Luberon)

T. 33 (0)4 90 72 30 20 www.labastidedemarie.com

17 rooms and the Villa Grenache (5 rooms) in a luxury hotel, with restaurant, spa and wine-estate.

La Verrière

at Le Crestet (near Vaison-la-Romaine)

T. +33 (0)4 90 10 06 30 - www.laverriere.com

7 bedrooms at the luxurious Domaine du Chêne Bleu (www.chenebleu.com)- wine-tasting course (« Extreme Wine »).

Self-catering cottages

Domaine de la Bastide – Jourdan

Saint Blaise, 84500 Bollène - T.: +33 (0)4 90 40 15 68 -

www.domainebastidejourdan.com

3 Gîtes for up to 17 people, open all year round.

Domaine de Beauvalcinte ***clés (organic farming)

La Grange Neuve, 84190 Suzette

T. +33 (0)4 90 65 08 37

www.domainebeauvalcinte.com

Gîte for 5 people, open all year round. One night rental possible. Package stays: "initiation to wine-tasting", harvesting days.

La Bastide St Dominique – ** épis

1358 Chemin Saint Dominique – 84350 Courthézon

T. 33 (0)4 90 70 85 32

www.bastide-st-dominique.com

A gîte for 4 people at a Châteauneuf-du-Pape estate.

Domaine de Mourchon

La Grande Montagne, 84110 Séguret

T. +33 (0)4 90 46 70 30

www.domainedemourchon.com

A beautiful house (up to 10 people) near the wine cellar, run by Scottish vintners – Beautiful view, terrace, pool.

Gîtes de Montpertuis **** épis

7 avenue St Joseph, Châteauneuf-du-Pape

T. 33 (0)4 90 83 73 87

www.le-vigneron-rebelle.com

www.vignobles-paul-jeune.com

2 luxurious gîtes, with large private jacuzzis on each terrace. View over the vineyards of Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Domaine des Peyre

84440 Robion (Luberon)

T. +33 (0)9 67 26 94 42

www.domainedespeyre.com

Five luxury apartments decorated in an entirely renovated farmhouse of the 19th century.

Domaine Faverot

784660 Maubec (Luberon)

T. 04 90 76 65 16

www.domainefaverot.eu

4 luxury cottages at a Luberon wine estate.

Accommodation at the vineyard

Campsites

Domaine des Favards**

Route d'Orange – 84150 Violès

T.: +33 (0)4 90 70 90 93 – www.favards.com

49 pitches and mobilhomes, in a campsite run by independent wine-makers (Cécile is a member of the Femmes Vignes Rhône association). Restaurant and swimming pool.

Wine and food pairing every Wednesday night in season.

Château Simian

D 172, Route d'Uchaux – 84420 Piolenc

T.: +33 (0)4 90 29 50 67

www.chateau-simian.com

5 pitches for camper vans (France Passion). Open year round.

Maison Phétisson 2 clés

Domaine de Lumian, route de Montélimar, 84600 Valréas

T. 33 (0)6 08 09 96 86

www.maison-phetisson-bonnefoy.com

5 pitches for camper vans (France Passion). Clévacances self-catering for 8 people.



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Accommodation with wine-experts

For those who feel passionate about wine, it is possible to stay, not only with wine-growers, but also with restaurant-owners, sommeliers or oenologists who love sharing their knowledge about the wines of the Rhone Valley during stays specially dedicated to wine-tasting.

L'Auberge du Vin

384 Chemin de la Peyrière, 84380 Mazan

T. +33 (0)4 90 61 62 84

Linda Field

www.aubergeduvin.com

Wine-tasting courses, introduction to the wines of the Rhône Valley, by Linda, a certified WSET educator. Accommodation: 5 rooms and 2 cottages.

La Madelène Rhône Valley Holidays

La Madelène, route d'Entrechaux, 84340 Malaucène

Philip & Jude Reddaway

T. +33(0) 4 90 62 19 33 www.rhonevalleyholidays.com

Wine courses and introduction to the wines of the Rhône Valley, in English.

La Maison Trévier

36 place du Docteur Cavaillon, 84200 Carpentras

Gina Trévier

T. +33 (0)4 90 51 99 98 -

www.maison-trevier.com

A wine-lover and foodie, Gina organises cooking lessons in her beautiful private mansion (5 rooms).

The Wine B & B

Centre of Châteauneuf-du-Pape

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www.chateauneuf-wine-bb.com

Danièle Raulet-Reynaud

Sommelier, member of the Femmes Vignes Rhône. In the summer, «apéro' fun»: initiation to the wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape on Friday evenings in the summer.

Getaways in the vineyards

SECRETS OF WINE

3 days / 2 nights

10 Jan. to 31 Mar. and
1 Sept. to 29 Dec. 2016

In the heart of the superb Dentelles de Montmirail, your host, an organic wine maker, will welcome you in the entirely renovated part of the farm, and initiate you to wine tasting with the red wines from Beaumes-de-Venise. Stroll through the vines, hike along the marked paths, and visit cellars and Museums, with advice and recommendations from your hosts.

Price per person: €110, including:

- accommodation in a double room and breakfast
- introduction to wine tasting
- loan of hiking maps
- 3 bottles of wine per couple included in each stay!

Single supplement: €50

Extra night: €70

Not included: entrance fees to museums, meals and transportation.

Language spoken: F

*Domaine Beauvalcinte****
La Grange Neuve – 84190 Suzette
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contact@domainebeauvalcinte.com

LEARNING ABOUT CÔTES DU RHÔNE WINES

3 days / 2 nights

1 Feb. to 30 Apr. and
15 Oct. to 15 Dec. 2016

From her farmhouse home at the foot of Mont Ventoux, Linda offers independent tuition, tasting and advice to enhance your knowledge and enjoyment of wine. By the end of the course, you will have a comprehensive understanding of the various styles and quality levels of wine producers in the Rhône Valley, as well as the professional skill of being able to assess and compare any future wines you drink.

Price per person: €130, including:

- accommodation in double room with breakfasts
- one hour tuition and tasting of three wines.

Not included: transport, meals (possible at the table d'hôtes: €35 / pers. including beverages).

Languages spoken: F/GB

*L'Auberge du Vin****
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Getaways in the vineyards

GOURMET TOUR
IN THE RHONE VALLEY
IN THE DENTELLES DE MONTMIRAIL
 4 days / 3 nights
 All year round

Nothing but a luxurious, hand-made, «made in Provence» lifestyle when you stay here in the heart of the Dentelles de Montmirail. First of all, your guest house, in the village of Beaumes-de-Venise, is a gem in itself, a beautifully renovated old house. Then there are the events on offer: private cookery courses with a chef in the kitchen of your hosts, cycling trips on electric bikes, trips round vineyards, including visits to specific cellars, with a driver who is also a specialist wine guide. A 3-night stay which will make you feel like you've been away for two weeks!

Rate per person: €1015, including:

- Accommodation in a double room, breakfasts included, in a luxury B&B in Beaumes-de-Venise
- A car hire from Avignon TGV station or from Marseille Airport
- A cooking class, followed by dinner, with a local chef
- Lunch on day 3, beverages not included
- rental e-bikes for half a day, provided with a road book and a list of wineries open for wine tasting on the way
- A private tour with a chauffeur-guide specialised in wine, including a stop and wine-tasting in three wineries.

Summer supplement in July/August: €65/pers.

Not included : the meals which are not specified above.

Possibility of an extra half-day wine tour to Châteauneuf-du-Pape on Day 4: + €155/pers.

Languages spoken: F/GB

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www.provence-reservation.com

WINE WEEKEND
IN THE DENTELLES DE MONTMIRAIL
 2 days / 1 night
 All year round

In this unique landscape of steep rocks and vine covered hillsides in the Dentelles de Montmirail, the first thing you will do is put down your luggage in your guest house before setting off to explore the vineyards and enjoy the vast panoramas around Gigondas and Beaumes-de-Venise on your electric bike!

At the end of your first day in the open air, a dinner of matched food and wines will help you to enjoy the wines from this exceptional area. The next day, guests can wander on foot along the signposted discovery trail (8km) in the vineyard of Vacqueyras.

Rate per person: €200, including:

- Accommodation in a double room, breakfasts included, in a charming B&B
- A car hire from Avignon TGV station
- a dinner with matching wines in a local restaurant
- rental e-bikes for half a day, provided with a road book and a list of wineries open for wine tasting on the way.

Summer supplement in June/July/August: €8/pers.

Not included: lunches

Languages spoken: F/GB

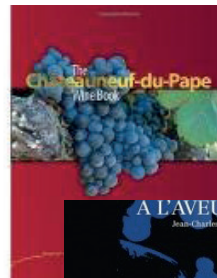
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Bibliography, wise wine sayings

Here are some suggestions of “absolute musts” - books which provide good understanding of wine in Vaucluse:

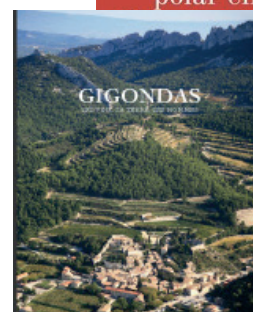
In English:

- The Châteauneuf du Pape Wine Book, de Harry Karis, published by Kavino (2009)
- Gigondas, its wines, its land, its people, by Louis Barruol, published by Editions Bottin Gourmand et Images&Gastronomie (2011). Available through the Gigondas wines website.



In French:

- Sur la Route des Vins de la Vallée du Rhône, Collection Hachette Tourisme (2011)
- Les quatre saisons de la vigne en Luberon, by Florence Kennel published by Höebeke (2000)
- A detective novel: A l'Aveugle, by Jean-Jacques Chapuzet, Editions Glénat (2013)



As well as the following, which can still be found in second-hand bookshops : Vignobles et vins des Côtes du Rhône, by Pierre Charnay, published by Aubanel (1985), and Le Grand Livre des Côtes du Rhône, by Patrick Galant and Guy Jacquemont, published by Chêne (1988).

Wise wine sayings

The miracle of wine which makes man to what he should never have stopped being: friend to fellow man. (René Engel)

Wine is the professor of good taste, teaching you the practice of turning inward; it liberates the mind and illuminates the intelligence. (Paul Claudel)

A fool he who doesn't like to drink, for wine fills us with a delicious feeling of rapture. Wine invites us to dance and to forget all our troubles. (Euripides)

A glass of wine is a warm fur coat; a glass of wine is worth a velvet suit.

A glass of wine is a penny less for the doctor

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