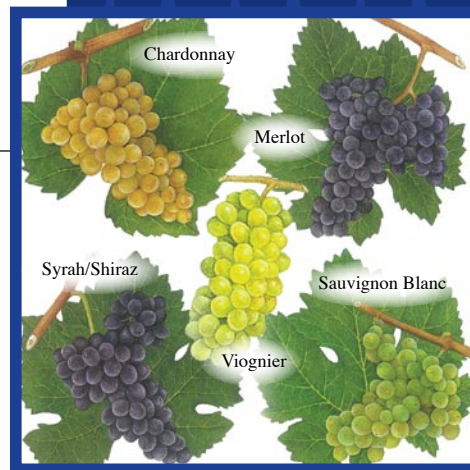


FRANCE REGIONAL

VARIETY - The Spice of Life

Sauvignon Blanc, White Grenache, Chardonnay, Viognier, Syrah (aka Shiraz), Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carignan, Syrah Rosé from the Midi, Languedoc, Gascony, Gers, L'Aude and Garonne plus Red, Dry White and Medium White blends crafted by Borie-Manoux from Bordeaux (Beauroy) and by the Plaimont co-operative (Jean des Vignes), two very good houses. Despite the variety of grapes and producers, the wines all share qualities of freshness, flavour and fruit. The reds are smooth and rounded: the whites crisp and refreshing.



Beauroy Vin de Table

Available in 75cl
1 Litres
1.5 Litres

Red

Smooth, fruity and rounded.

Dry White

Crisp and tasty.

Medium White

Softer and very easy drinking.

Taste
Guide

Trade
Sales Price

£3.33
£4.59
£6.97

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H. B. Clark Vin de Pays from Borie-Manoux

Why introduce a range of wines from France when Australia, Chile and now South Africa have such a hold on the U.K. market? Well, it is not true that the On-Trade's house and entry level wines come principally from the New World. Vin de Pays historically provided many British restaurants with their House Wines. What the New World has done is lift the standards of wine making in the areas in the South and South West of France. This improvement together with the lower costs of transport and a new found competitiveness in pricing adds up to value available for H. B. Clark customers. The range is two reds, three whites and a rosé exclusive to H. B. Clark. We chose Borie-Manoux to source the wines because, as described on page 46, we have had a long relationship with them and can trust their wine-making skills implicitly. New World House wines are nearly all about 13/13.5% ABV. French VDP at this level is likely to be about 12%. Now the French winemaking techniques at this level have improved, there is no doubt about the attraction of the lower ABVs.



Borie Manoux, Vin de Pays (France)

Available in 75cl and with own label.

Merlot

With lots of typical blackberry fruit flavours, this Merlot has lovely soft, easy drinking charm.

Cabernet Sauvignon

Fresh-flavoured red with hints of cedar and lead pencil along with blackcurrant.

Syrah Rosé

Vibrant colour and luscious, refreshing summer fruit flavours with a hint of spiciness.

Sauvignon Blanc

Full of refreshing citrus fruit flavours and a very appealing tangy, long lasting finish for an entry level Sauvignon.

Chardonnay

Typical apple and melon flavours, this is great value Chardonnay with a lovely clean finish.

Cotes du Gascogne Demi-Sec

A refreshing medium dry white from Gascony in South West France. Blended to produce good fruit quality and an easy drinking style.

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Le Sanglier de la Montagne, Vin de Pays de l'Aude

Carignan

Made from older vines which give a better concentration of flavour, this is a perfect partner to barbecue style meats being both strong in flavour but not too burly in the mouth.

Syrah Rosé Réserve

Elegant but delightfully fruit filled with slightly spicy notes, this is great value for money from the South of France.



White Grenache

Amazingly France's third most popular white wine grape variety behind Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. Why? Because it provides refreshing, fruity wine which is almost Pinot Grigio like in character.

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Jean des Vignes, Vin de Pays du Gers

Available in 75cl

1 Litres

Red

Elegant, appetising red with a dash of Merlot. Ripe, mulberry aromas and flavour.

Rosé

Fresh, light but vibrant rosé which has appealing dry fruit flavours.

Dry White

Clean, dry and refreshing white wine that is fruity and lively and fresh.

Medium Dry White

Aromatic blend of the popular Colombard with Ugni Blanc which is fruity and attractive drinking.

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£5.59

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Domaine de Moulin des Montarels

This Domaine is in the Côtes de Thongue in the Midi, an area of France which has been one of the most dynamic in combining New World fruit and Old World backbone.

Syrah

Classic Syrah (or Shiraz) with bramble and pepper flavours in the mouth and a smooth, rounded finish.

Merlot

An outstanding Merlot which is smooth and rounded but has lots of balancing fruit and power.

Syrah Rosé

Loads of fruit and flavour and very drinkable.

Sauvignon Blanc

Good Sauvignon fruit with tropical flavours and soft acidity to make the wine very refreshing.

Viognier

Viognier makes possibly the most aromatic dry white wine in the world redolent of apricots and peaches.

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