

# RHÔNE

The third of France's greatest wine regions alongside Bordeaux and Burgundy and still surprisingly the most under-rated and undervalued. Indeed, were it not for Chateauneuf-du-Pape, many lists might not carry a Rhône representative. This is despite the Northern Rhône wines being made almost 100% from Syrah, better known elsewhere as the very popular Shiraz. Another example perhaps of the French wine industry losing out because of the illegality of showing the grape variety as part of the front label.

## CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

The Southern Rhône's best known wine region, Chateauneuf is very famous not least for the crossed keys of St. Peter which must appear on every bottle. Forty years ago, the wine was much abused as a huge variety of grapes were used, many of them from outside the region. Now there is more quality control and we have been very careful to choose wines showing the strong, ripe fruit flavours appreciated by lovers of this wine which matches most cuisine's meat dishes.

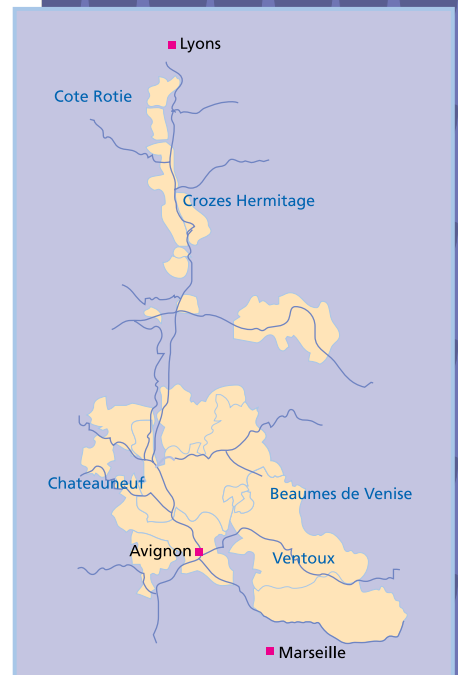


## LANGUEDOC

The Appellation Languedoc has just been amended to include Roussillon and Corbières with names and labels to change over the next five years. The region has developed rapidly from the days when dark, heavy reds mysteriously found their way into very much higher priced wines from the Rhône for Paris and for Burgundy for the English market! It now attracts top winemakers.

We have chosen four wines from this area because of their competitive price and quality of price compared to some of the Rhône's we previously offered. Apart from Corbières, the names may not be too familiar but the quality of the winemaking is outstanding.

We predict that St. Chinian will very soon become widely known over here. The Haut-Bila wines are made by the famous Rhône house of Chapoutier and show what a difference expertise and experience and low yields from old vines make when quality is the prime consideration.



# RED

## ££ Bouches du Rhône

An entry level Rhône wine showing plenty of fruit and structure and a tasty finish.

Taste Guide

Trade Sales Price

C

£4.39



## ££ Côtes du Rhône La Combes D'Art

Clean, robust fruit and proper Rhône flavours make this attractive drinking and outstanding value.

B

£4.99

## Côtes du Rhône Valvigneyre

Made from 100% Syrah grapes by the award-winning wine maker Alain Paret. Robust, full-bodied and will complement most red meat dishes. Also available in 37.5cl bottles

D

£7.39

£4.29

## Crozes Hermitage Les Combelles

Deep, enticing colour and a strong, rich flavour that shows the best of Syrah.

D

£7.99

## Chateauneuf-du-Pape Domaine Remparts

Once one of the most abused of all wine names, Chateauneuf's wines are much improved now they come from single Domaines. The Remparts has plenty of ripe cherry fruit with a spicy finish.

D

£15.09

## Chateauneuf-du-Pape Chais du Bâtard

This Chateauneuf du Pape is deep ruby in colour, opulent, full-bodied and rich with notes of smoke, blackberry, cassis, and pepper. It is superbly made with soft tannins and perfect balance.

D

£15.49

## Côte-Rôtie, Jaboulet

Only small quantities available of what is possibly the least expensive of the world's great wines; it has the advantage of showing rich softness and finesse when young.

D

£21.74



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## LANGUEDOC ROUSSILLON

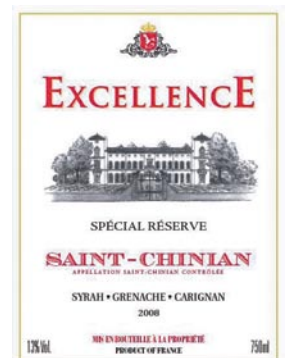
# RED

## ££ Excellence St. Chinian

Full flavoured red from the Languedoc made with same mixture of grapes as Chateauneuf.

C

£4.99



## Corbières L'Ancien Comté

Vibrant red with very generous fruit all the way through.

D

£5.49

## Les Vignes de Bila-Haut, Côtes du Roussillon

Old vines producing concentrated but balanced and attractive wines of great quality.

C

£6.85

# WHITE

## ££ Les Vignes de Bila-Haut, Côtes du Roussillon

Like the red made by world famous Michel Chapoutier on biodynamic principles. Full bodied, refreshing and a hint of minerality.

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£6.85

