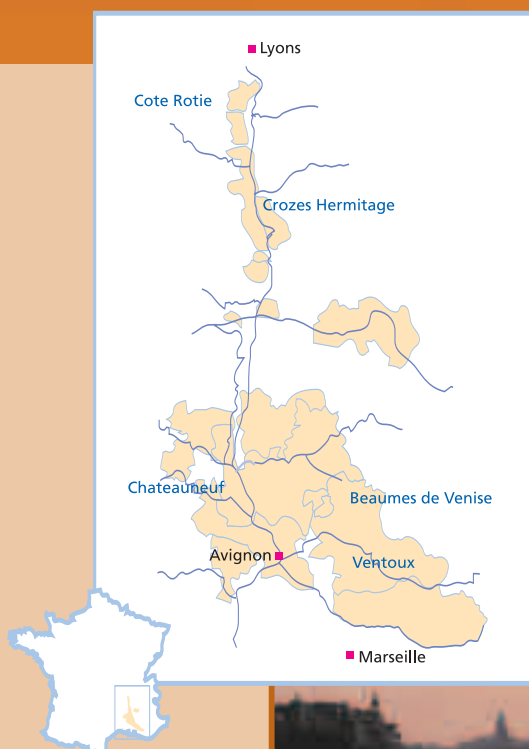


# Rhone



The third of France's greatest wine regions alongside Bordeaux and Burgundy and still the most underrated and undervalued. The Syrah grape which makes most of the quality wines in the North of the region is better known elsewhere in the world as Shiraz. The South includes the famous Chateauneuf and now lots of other regions producing excellent wine, some of which find its way into Cotes du Rhone and some is bottled individually such as Cotes du Ventoux.

During the 1960s and 1970s, the firm of Paul Jaboulet led the way in raising world awareness of the great quality to be found in the Rhone. Crozes Hermitage Thalabert and Côte-Rôtie are top wines.



did you know?

## Hermitage La Chapelle - a wine to die for

Paul Jaboulet's Hermitage is a wine to die for in two ways. The 1978 vintage was chosen as one of the wines wine-lovers had to taste before they died; the 1961 vintage has been known to change hands for £600 a bottle! The Crozes Hermitage Thalabert is very highly regarded as are all the wines from this flagship firm. We can obtain very limited quantities of La Chapelle on application.

## British Beef and French Rhone - a perfect match says French wine grower

A very well-known Rhone wine grower has angered French farmers by admitting that the perfect accompaniment to his top wines is Aberdeen Angus beef. "Despite our countries' political differences at times," the grower said "my family will enjoy Aberdeen Angus on Christmas Day - c'est parfait."

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## Red

### Côtes du Rhône La Combes D'Art

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

### Côtes du Ventoux les Traverses, Jaboulet

Not only does this have ample fruit, it has "plenty of stuffing" to quote Oz Clarke.

### Côtes du Rhône Parallele 45

Spicy, full red from Jaboulet which ages very well and is excellently made.

### Côtes du Rhône Valvigneyre

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

### Crozes Hermitage Les Jalets

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

### 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.

### Crozes Hermitage Thalabert, Jaboulet

Delicious medium-bodied Syrah which manages to combine drinkability with charm. Great wine.

### Chateauneuf-du-Pape Les Cèdres, Jaboulet

Jaboulet's Les Cèdres shows ripe, fresh fruit and rich flavours which can be enjoyed comparatively young.

### 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 having fantastic flavour when young.

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## White

### Muscat de Beaumes de Venise

The Rhone's pudding wine is popular because it combines the natural fruitiness and sweetness of Muscat grapes with enough acidity to make you want a second glass. Serve very cold.

Taste  
Guide

Trade  
Sales Price

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