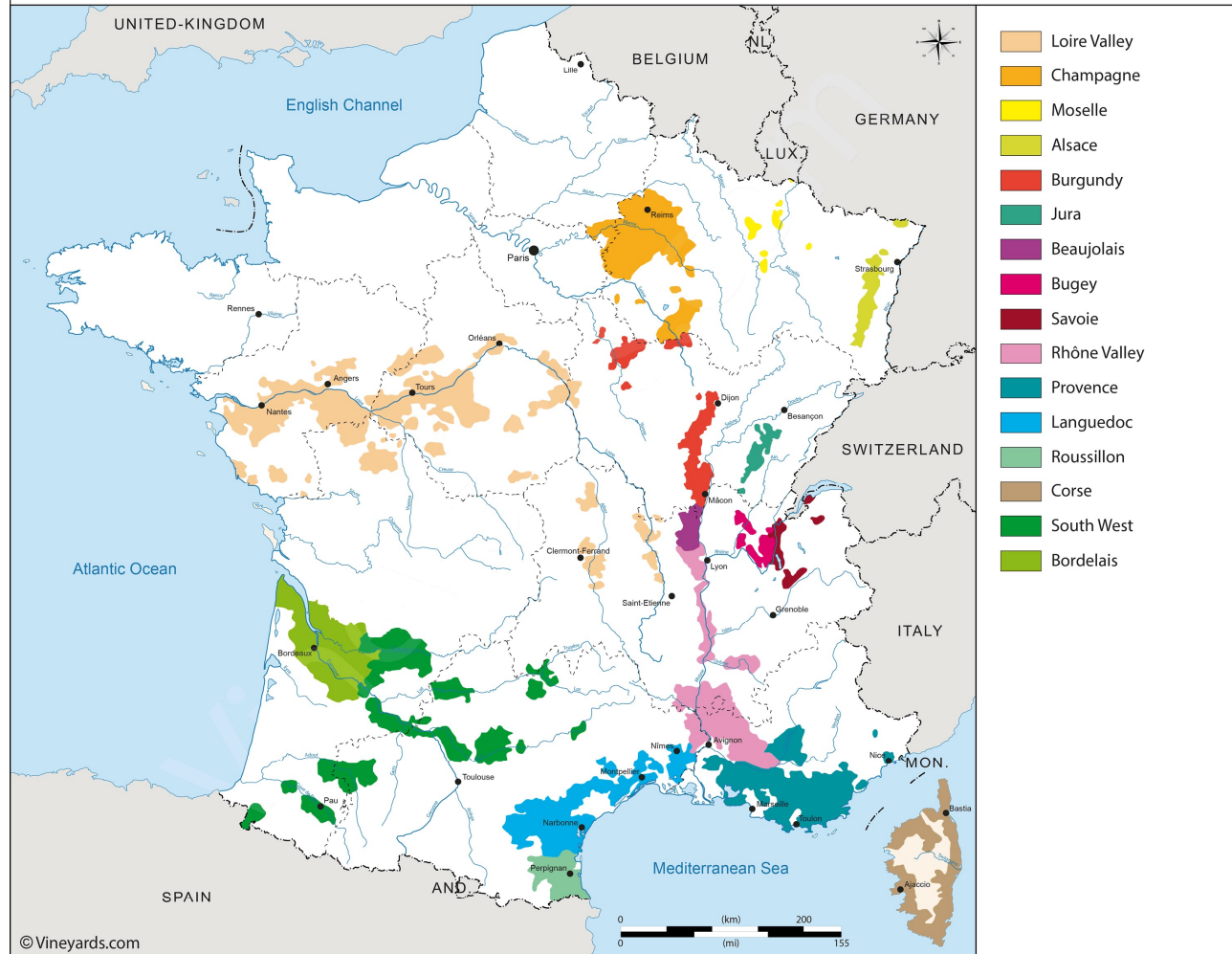
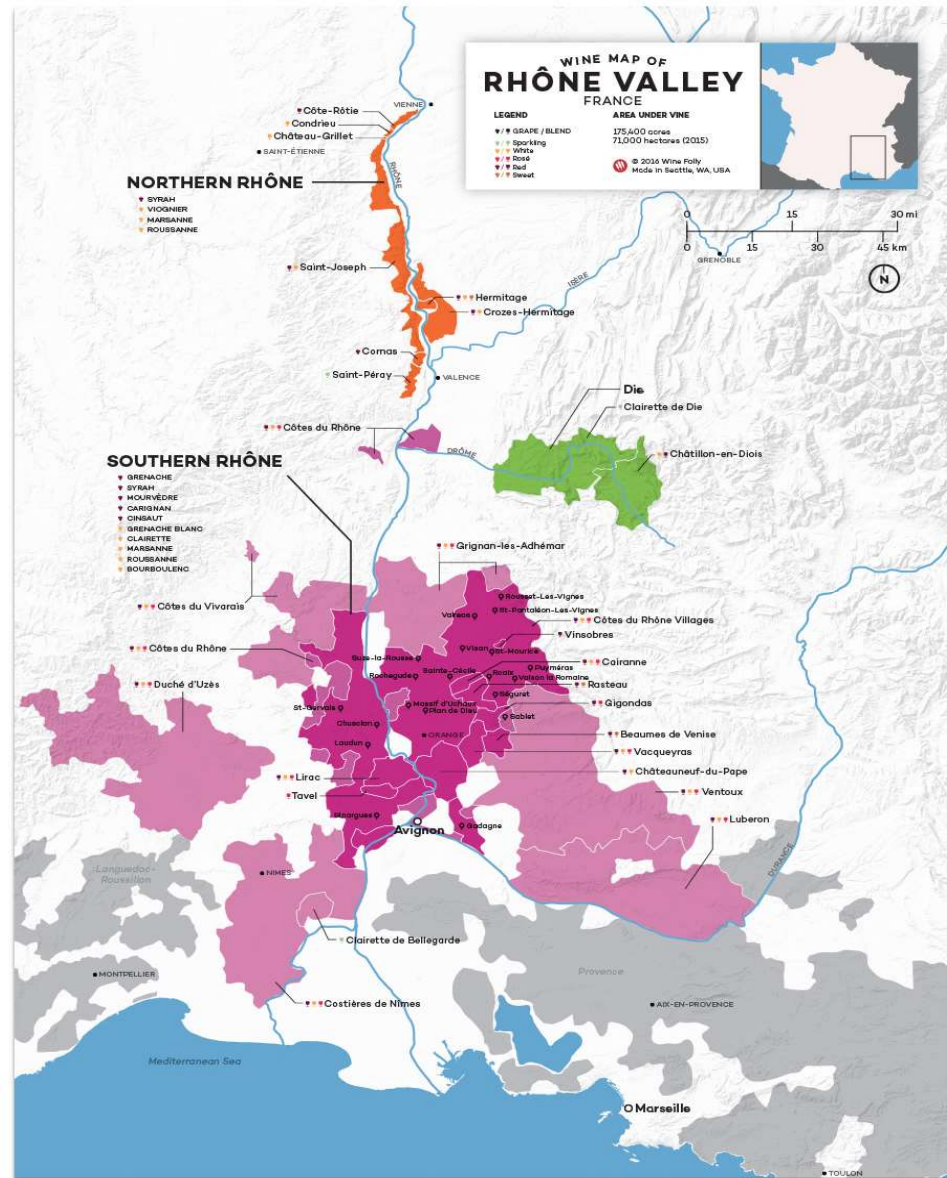


WINES OF THE RHONE VALLEY

FARNHAM U3A WINE DISCOVERY 8/2/2024

French wine regions





WINES WE ARE TASTING

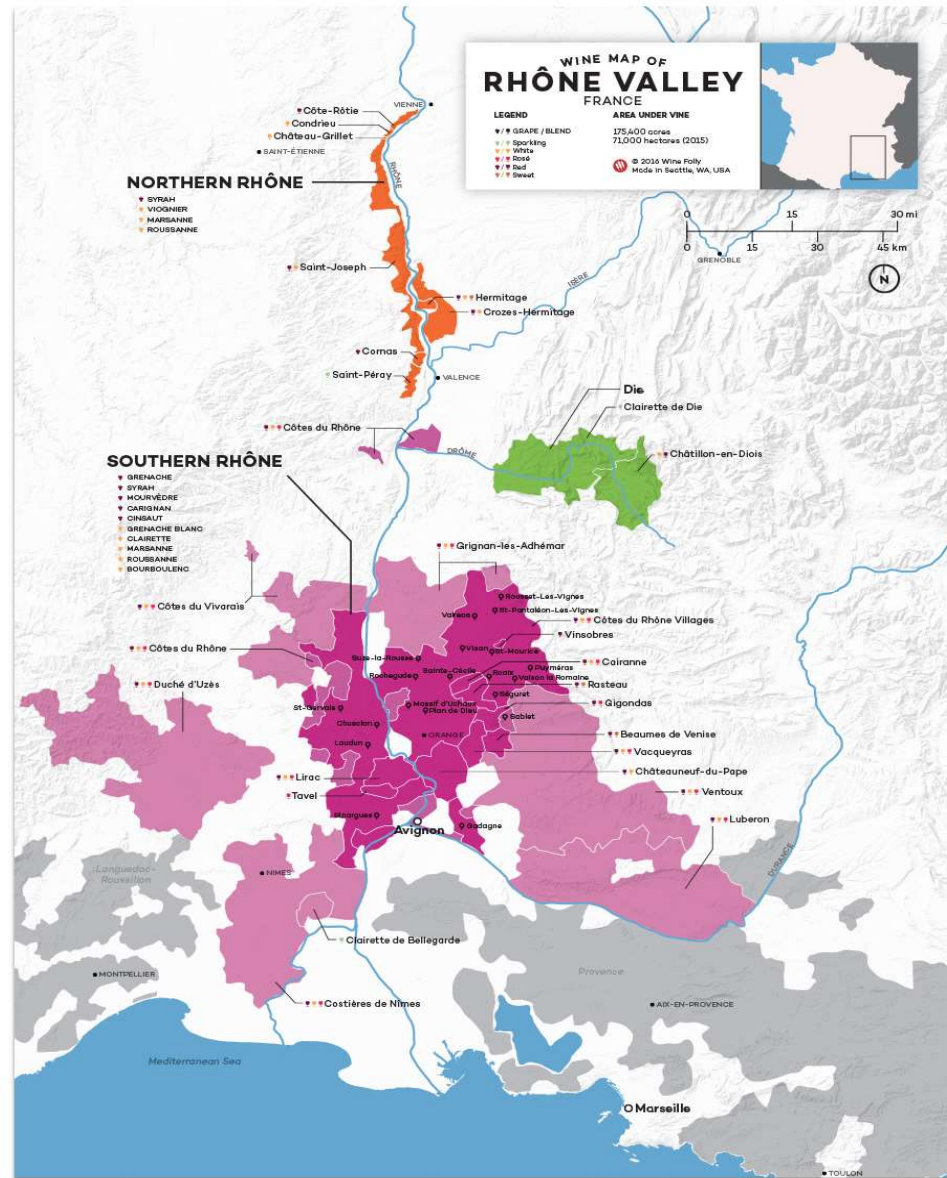
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| • 1 Fizz | Crémant de Die | Wine Society |
| • 2 White | Condrieu | Fine + Rare Wines |
| • 3 White | Crozes-Hermitage | Stone Vine & Sun |
| • 4 Red | Costieres de Nimes | Wine Society |
| • 5 Red | St. Joseph | Waitrose |
| • 6 Red | Rasteau | Waitrose |
| • 7 Red | Gigondas | Wine Society Exhibition |
| • 8 Red | Chateauneuf du Pape | Stone Vine & Sum |
| • 9 Fizz | Clairette de Die | Wine Society |
| • 10 Dessert | Beaune de Venise | Berry Bros & Rudd |

BACKGROUND

- Wine Produced before C 1 BC – the ALLOBROGES ‘tribe’
- WINE was sailed up to CHALON-sur-SOANE
- Exported to BRITAIN AD 71
- PLINY – 3 CRUS – TALURNUM, SORANUM & HELVICUM
- MASTERED ART of GRAFTING
- SYRAH and VIOGNIER

OVERVIEW

- SECOND LARGEST FRENCH WINE AREA after BORDEAUX
- 95% RED WINES - 150,000 acres (80+ m Gallons)
- COTES-du-RHONE & COTES-du-RHONE VILLAGES
Absolutely Dominant in Volume Terms
- 4 DEFINED AREAS
NORTHERN RHONE
SOUTHERN RHONE
DIE – near VALENCE & in DROME Valley
OUTLYING – TRICASTIN, LUBERON, VENTOUX, NIMES ++



CAVE POULET et FILS

- EMMANUEL POULET is 4th. Generation wine maker/OWNER
- STONY LAND with CLAY / LIMESTONE SOIL
- HAUTE VALEUR ENVIRONNEMENTALE – 1st. in DROME
- CLAIRETTE AND MUSCAT VINES OVER 50 YEARS OLD

CREMANT DE DIE BRUT AOP CAVE POULET et FILS 11.5%

- MADE LIKE CHAMPAGNE – 2ND. FERMENTATION IN BOTTLE
- CLAIRETTE BLANCHE 85%, ALIGOTE 10%, WHITE MUSCAT 5%
- 1st. FERMENTATION @ 20 C.
- ADDING YEASTS CREATES 2nd. FERMENTATION
- 36 MONTHS ON LEES
- DISGOURGED and ADDING LIQUEUR TO GIVE 8 GR/LITRE
- ‘WHITE FLOWERS, ALMOND & HONEY. GOOD MOUSSE’

GRAPE VARIETIES

- **NORTHERN RHONE**

RED **SYRAH** –Only One Allowed

WHITE **VIOGNIER** plus **MARSANNE & ROUSANNE**

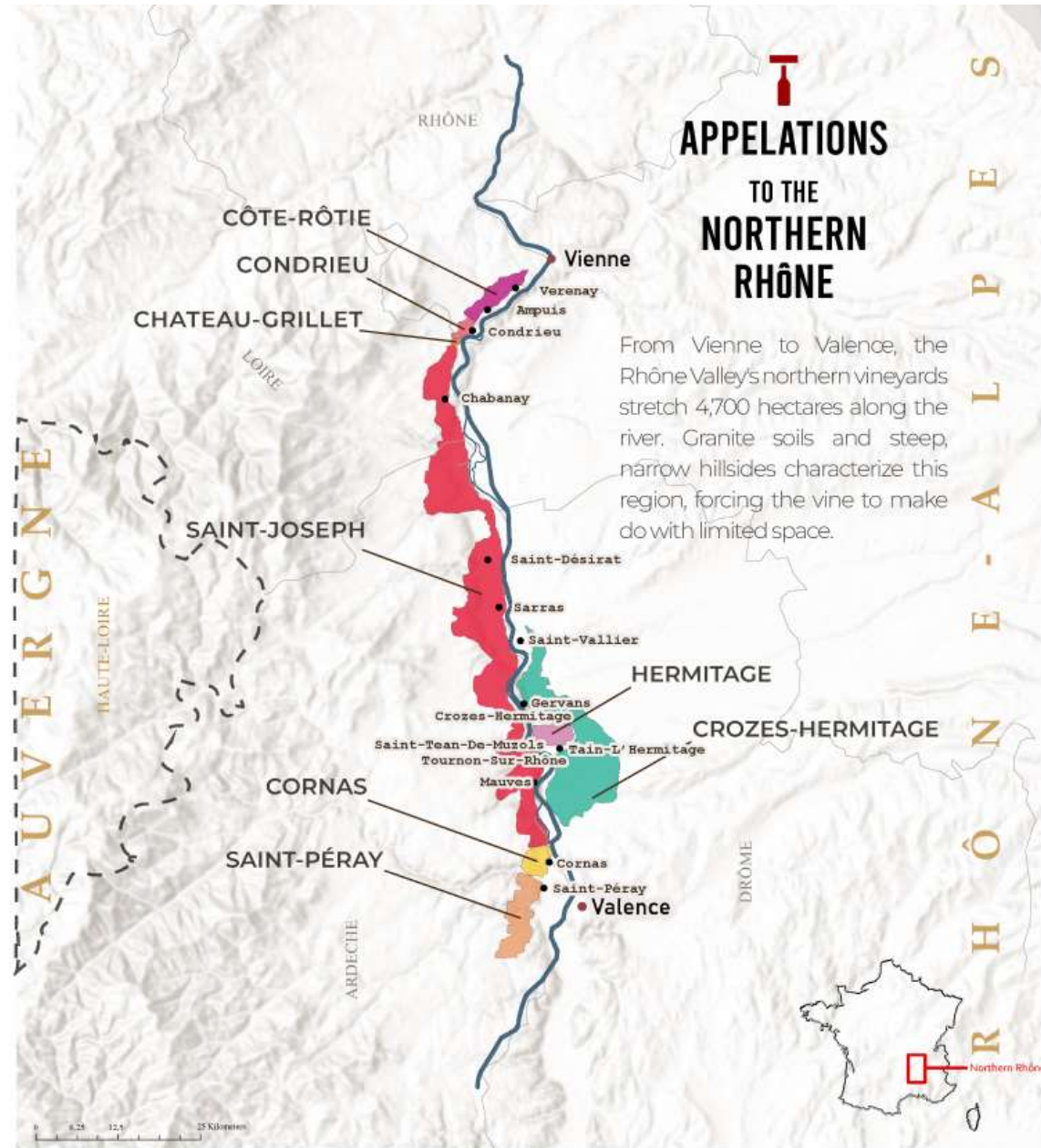
- **SOUTHERN RHONE**

RED **GRENACHE, CARIGNAN, CINSULT, SYRAH**
MOUVEDRE, MUSCARDIN, VACCARESE

PICPOUL, TERRET NOIR, COUNOISE

WHITE **VIOGNIER, MARSANNE, ROUSANNE**, MUSCAT
CLAIRETTE, GRENACHE BLANC, BOURBOULENC

- CHATEAUNEUF has 13 ALLOWED Grapes Varieties



AOPs from North to South In NORTHERN RHONE

- Côte-Rôtie - **Syrah** and up to 20% Viognier
- Condrieu - white Viognier
- Château-Grillet - white Viognier
- Saint-Joseph - **Syrah** and up to 10% Marsanne & Roussanne. White Marsanne and Roussanne.
- Crozes-Hermitage - **Syrah** and up to 15% Marsanne & Roussanne. White Marsanne & Roussanne
- Hermitage - **Syrah** and up to 15% Marsanne & Roussanne. White Marsanne and Roussanne
- Cornas - **Syrah**
- Saint-Péray - sparkling and still white Marsanne & Roussanne

GEORGES VERNAY and CONDRIEU

Christine and Georges



- **Georges – the ‘Rescuer of Condrieu’ - also maybe of Viognier**
- **1960’s - less than 14 ha of VIOGNIER in all France - with 8 ha in Condrieu**
- **Georges re-planted the vines and championed the wine**

DOMAINE MERLIN FRANCOIS
LES TERROIRS 2019 14%

- AOP CONDRIEU
- LAURENT & FRANCOIS MERLIN in St. MICHEL-sur-RHONE
- 100% VIOGNIER
- Grown on NORTHERN SLOPES of THE RHONE
- WINES 20 to 60 YEARS OLD
- BLENDED of MANY PARCELLES of VINES
- 40 % in BARRIQUE and 60 % DEMI MUIDS (600 LTR.)
- DRINK 2 – 5 YEARS

Les BRUCLAS, DOMAINE VENDOME 2021

AOP CROZES – HERMITAGE 13%

- Several generations of ROUDIER Family
- TREES - APRICOT/CHERRY - LAVENDER
- Then first VINES planted in 2010
- Visiting OENOLOGIST Emmanuel Gagnepain – Winemaker
- CLAY and GRAVEL Soils in CROZES - HERMITAGE

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AOP CROZES – HERMITAGE 13%

- ‘LIEU DIT’ - Les PINETS in CROZES-HERMITAGE
L’HOMME in LAMAGE
- 70 % MARSANNE & 30 % ROUSANNE – 14 Years old
- HAND HARVESTED in 3 PICKINGS early mornings
- MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION
- 90 % STAINLESS & 10 % DEMI MUID
- 9 Months SUR LIE

CLASSIFICATION

- A C RHONE (historically)
- COTES-du-RHONE
- COTES-du-RHONE VILLAGE
- COTES-du-RHONE VILLAGE NAMED VILLAGE
- SPECIFIC AOPs – eg CORNAS, CONDRIEU, etc.

Now CRU de COTES du RHONE ??

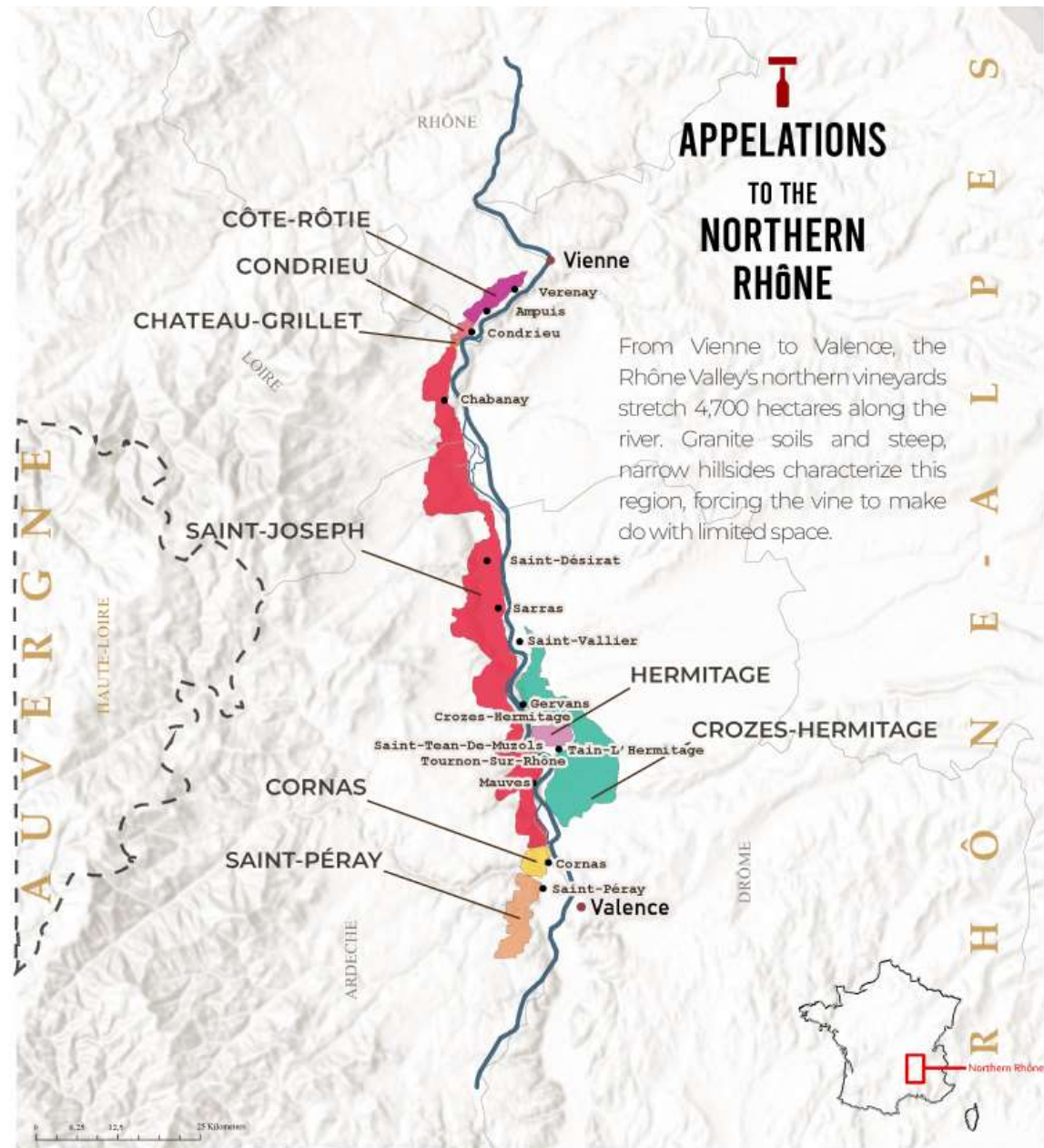
- APPELLATION d'ORIGINE PROTEGEE (AOP)
now replaces A O Controlee
but some producers have not changed labels

COSTIERES de NIMES, La CIBOSE 2021 14%

- MADE by CHAPOUTIER. NOW A MAJOR PLAYER IN RHONE.
- ESTABLISHED 1808.
- Ok until MICHEL took over in late 1970s now outstanding
- 1990s BECOMES BIO-DYNAMIC
- BRAILLE LABELS
- PROPERTIES IN MOST AOPs – HERMITAGE MOST FAMOUS
- STONEY PLATEAU outside NIMES. Very Deep Rooted Vines.

COSTIERES de NIMES, La CIBOSE 2021 14%

- GRENACHE, SYRAH, MOUVEDRE, CINSAULT, CARIGNAN
- Machine Harvested
- SEPARATE VINIFICATION
- Fermented in CONCRETE Tanks for 3-4 Weeks. NO OAK
- Pumping over or Left to Rest
- Temperature up 30-33 C - Polymerization of tannins.
- MATURING - 6 Mths. in CONCRETE TANK
- FULL BODIED, SPICE & RIPE PLUMS



CAVE SAINT-DESIRAT, SAINT-JOSEPH

- **RIGHT BANK of the RHONE since 1960**
- **NEWish – FORMED by 137 MEMBERS – Type of Coop**
- **1973 – FIRST SAINT-JOSEPH HARVEST**
- **NOW 350 growers with ~50 % of Saint-Joseph hectares**
- **Vineyards cover about 50 km**
- **2017 modernisation of 2 wineries**
- **Modern discovery Trail, 3d visual visit, tourism Awards**

CAVE SAINT-DESIRAT, SAINT-JOSEPH 2021

- **SYRAH – ONLY ALLOWABLE RED VARIETY**
- **YEILD LIMITED to 40 HL / HECTARE**
- **PLANTING DENSITY 4500-8000 VINES/HA**
- **7 different Cuvees - PRICE RANGE e13.50 to e32**
- **HAND HAVESTED – TRADITIONAL – DESTEMMED**
- **10 day Maceration in Stainless before Fermentation**
- **PUNCHING DOWN & PUNCHING OVER**
- **6 Months ageing in stainless tanks – no oak**

CAVE SAINT-DESIRAT, SAINT-JOSEPH 2021

- **Deep Ruby Red, Purple reflections, bright**
- **Rich Red Fruit and Spices – white pepper?**
- **Supple, Fine Grained Tannins, Great Structure**
- **Finish – Spices and Red Fruit**
- **Lamb and red meats**
- **Serving 14-16 Degrees C**
- **5 to 7 Years**

Southern Rhone



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- **2010 INAO approved RASTEAU A O Protégé**
- **Bottles labelled ' Cru ' – AOP**
- **Table wines - > 90% GRENACHE + < 10% 15 others but**

DOMAINE DARONTON RASTEAU 2018 15%

- CRU des COTES du RHONE - A O P RASTEAU
- Edition Limitee – RHONEA – group of producers
- 60% GRENACHE, 30% SYRAH, 10% MOUVEDRE
- Harvested 16th to 30th September 2018
- Macerated in stainless for 28 days
- Aged in tank + 15% French oak barrels for 18 mths.
- Imported by CHARLES TAYLOR WINES for Waitrose

WS EXHIBITION GIGONDAS 2017 15%

- MADE for the WINE SOCIETY By LOUISE BARRUOL
- CHATEAU SAINT-COSME planted VINES in 1416
- SITE of GALLO ROMAN VILLA
- GRENACHE - steep DENTELLES de MONTMITAL hillside
- MIOCENE LIMESTONE, MARL & SAND
- 2017 - SMALL HARVEST
- PICKED VERY LATE – END OCTOBER for FULL RIPENESS
- Also 30 % SYRAH in BLEND



Gallo Roman VATS



WS EXHIBITION GIGONDAS 2017 15%

- 12 MONTHS IN CASK
- 20% NEW, 50% 1 to 4 TIMES & 30% CONCRETE TANKS
- Bottled Unfiltered
- GENEROUS & FULL BODIED
- TOUCH OF FRESHNESS
- 'Raspberry, liquorice, violet, white pepper'
- STEWS, ROASTS & GAME

Southern Rhone



DOMAINE ROGER PERRIN 2011 14.5%
A C Chateauneuf-du-Pape

- 5th. Generation based in Vaucluse
- Relative of PERRINs of Chateau de BEAUCASTEL
- 1972 **Roger** started to produce and sell own wine
- Son **Luc** succeeded in 1986 but on his death in 2010
- Oenologist, **Véronique PERRIN-ROLIN** took over
- Her wine schooled son, **XAVIER** joined her in 2012

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A C Chateauneuf-du-Pape

- Spring unnaturally warm balmy conditions
- Summer cooler even chilly and wetter
- Too cold for some diseases
- September a saviour
- Indian summer, excellent ripening
- Average of vines – 75 years

DOMAINE ROGER PERRIN 2011 14.5%
A C Chateauneuf-du-Pape

- **GRENACHE 70%, SYRAH 15%, MOURVEDRE 10%**
- **Cinsault, Clairette, Counoise, Vaccaresa**
- 14C Cold Prefermentation Maceration - Stainless
- Daily Punched down & Separate vinification
- 15 months ageing before blending in -
- Stainless steel tank (40 to 45%)
- Barrel (20 to 25%), Older Oak (30 to 40%)

CLAIRRETE DE DIE TRADITION AOP

CAVE POULET et FILS 8.5%

- Uses 'METHODE ANCESTRALE'
- Originally some YEAST left in over WINTER
- RE-FERMENTS in SPRING as Temperature Rises
- No ADDING of sugar/yeast for 2nd. Fermentation
- No Dosage
- No Disgorgement

CLAIRRETE DE DIE TRADITION

CAVE POULET et FILS 8.5%

- MUSCAT BLANC 75%, CLAIRETTE BLANCHE 25%
- Harvested from several Terroirs
- 1 Week to SETTLE
- SLOW FERMENTATION with INDIGENOUS YEAST
- 2nd. Fermentation in Bottle – TEMPERATURE CONTROL
- NO TIRAGE LIQUEUR. 4 Months in Bottle. No DOSADE
- Decanter Silver medal

Southern Rhone



MUSCAT de BEAUMES de VENISE 2003 15%
DOMAINE des BERNARDINS

- **VIN DOUX NATUREL** since Roman Times
- PLINY the Elder – ‘MUSCAT has been grown for a long time in Balme and makes wonderful wine’
- Many Popes and HENRY IV drank it
- Property owned by BERNARDIN Monks
- Early C19 Domaine des BERNARDINS created
- Louis Castaud Driving Force. AOC 1945

MUSCAT de BEAUMES de VENISE 2003 15%
DOMAINE des BERNARDINS

- ALL HAND PRODUCTION
- Pruning, de-budding, trellising, leaf removal, picking
- ORGANIC COMPOST – Grape stalks and skins
- MUSCAT à PETITS GRAINS BLANC - 75 %
MUSCAT à PETITE GRAINS NOIR - 25 %
- Pressed quickly – little skin contact
- Temperature control – no fermentation

MUSCAT de BEAUMES de VENISE 2003 15%
DOMAINE des BERNARDINS

- Adding 'Fortifying Spirit' to PRESERVE FRUIT & FRESHNESS
- 6 Months in STAINLESS before Bottling
- INTENSE PERFUMED SWEET
- AROMAS / PALATE - APRICOTS, PEACHES, HONEY, RAISINS
- *Foie Gras and Roquefort*
- *Retains all its character with fruit tart, puff pastry and chocolate deserts.*
- 'BERNARDINE – One of BEST ESTATES in Village'

SUMMARY of TOP RELIABLE RHONE PRODUCERS

- PERRIN FAMILY CHATEAU de BEAUCASTEL,
FAMILLE PERRIN, VIELLE FERME
- PAUL JABOULET AINE
- E. GUIGAL
- M. CHAPOUTIER
- VIEUX TELEGRAPH
- SECOND TIERE Delas Frere (Roederer),
Rene Rostaing, Jean-Louis Chave
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SUMMARY

- ONE of the EARLIEST WINE AREAS in FRANCE
- CONDRIEU – ONE of the GREAT WHITE WINES
- UNDERATED White Blends often V G VALUE for Money
- TOP REDS AS GOOD AS YOU GET and Age Well
Richer, fuller bodied and more guts than BORDEAUX
- GOOD COTES-du-RHONE - RELIABLE and GOOD VALUE