



# **PROVENCE - LANGUEDOC - ROUSSILLON**



# **BEAUTIFUL SOUTH TASTING**

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# A GUIDE TO THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH: PROVENCE – LANGUEDOC – ROUSSILLON

Each year we delight in tasting and championing the wines from Provence, Languedoc and Roussillon. There is so much to love about the character and variety from this region. From bright and elegant fizz in Limoux to aromatic whites, the best rosés in the world, a plethora of characterful reds, and - let's not forget - Fontanel's superb Vin Doux Naturels (p15), there is something in this list for everyone.



We tasted widely from this region and were delighted by the superb overall quality of wine we found. Most of the wines we tasted were from the 2022 and 2023 vintages. Our producers were enthusiastic about both vintages. After the frost-affected 2021 these two years were much more straightforward with warm, long summers allowing for ripe and bountiful baryests. The purity and explorance of the fruit really shines through in all of the

bountiful harvests. The purity and exuberance of the fruit really shines through in all of the wines. Highlights for both of us would be the whites, where the warmth has brought a richness and weight to the fruit: Liquière's Cistus Blanc (p.13) is a superb example of this. A note should also be made for the red blends based on Grenache. The long, warm growing seasons have allowed for a jewelly and bright red fruit note to come to these wines: they are utterly charming.

We are delighted to introduce new wines to the list. Mention should be made for the new Fulcrand Cabanon wines from L'Estabel, the rosé (p.4), white (p.7) and red (p.8) all offering superb value and interest. Alongside these we have shipped a Maury Sec, "Arrels" from Domaine Fontanel (p.14), a fascinating and superb wine from an appellation normally associated with fortified wines.

Finally, we should note the value to be found in this list. Whilst prices have ticked up a little, care of the Chancellor's duty hike on wine last August, our suppliers have kept their prices flat for the most part. Viewed in the context of wine prices in general this is something that should be applauded and supported.

Enjoy hunting out the delights; or if you would rather take our recommendations, we have curated six different mixed cases which are spread out throughout this list.

Santé!

Michael Peet & Lauren Burrows April 2024 "It's almost as though the wine importers of the world have decided that the region is too complex to get to grips with, which is a great shame. In the UK, Stone, Vine & Sun takes Languedoc more seriously than most." Jancis Robinson MW, **FT Weekend Magazine**, 10th February 2024

### **History of the Region**

Renowned as the oldest winemaking region in France, the South of France boasts a history and tradition as rich and complex as its wines. Beyond its viticultural heritage, the region is famous for stunning medieval towns like Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and towering Roman



amphitheatres that stand as testaments to the region's Roman influence. Its position on the periphery of France, has meant it has always had a reputation for free thinking and an independent streak – think of the Cathars. We believe both these themes permeate the winemakers of this region.

#### Climate

The area is France's sunniest with over 300 days of sunshine a year. It enjoys a classic Mediterranean climate with mild winters, consistently dry summers, and moderate springs and autumns. There are microclimates throughout, which can heavily impact grapes and their resulting wines. The climate and strong winds (which keep pests and diseases at bay) contribute to the area's ability to sustain a high level of organic viticulture.

#### Soils

Languedoc-Roussillon boasts a fascinating patchwork of soils, from alluvial soils near the coast to chalk, gravel and limestone further inland. Schist, a metamorphic rock formed of foliated sedimentary layers changed by heat and pressure, is found in a band across Faugères and



Cabrières, but also in Corbières and Roussillon, notably around Maury. For vines to survive on such a sterile matrix, the roots must penetrate deep into the fissures in the rock to find moisture and nutrients during the long dry summers. Wines produced from vines grown on this acidic rock can display a distinctive, high-toned scent and flavour.

#### Garrigue

Garrigue describes that evergreen scrub which covers untilled land around the vineyards in many areas of Provence and the Languedoc. Usually dominated by the diminutive Kermes oak and arbutus, it is intensely aromatic in the heat of summer with bushes of bay, thyme, rosemary and



lavender all contributing to a heady scent of herbs. The transmission of these aromatic oils to the skin of the grapes and hence to the wine is ill-defined, but elusive traces of those herbal flavours appear in some wines.

#### Winemakers

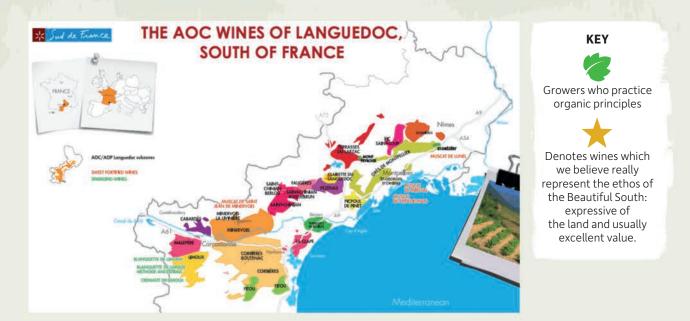
As the largest contiguous wine producing region in France, the area once had a reputation for mass production, but this has changed in recent times, with young growers and winemakers making their mark. These individuals approach vines and wine with not just the accrued knowledge of a family behind them but with scientific experience gained via viticultural or oenological study. They are more likely to have travelled and experienced winemaking abroad, resulting in a more questioning attitude; one prepared to push the boundaries, to want to do things differently and to respond to the threat of climate change.

## Cuisine

The region has an abundance of wonderful produce, naturally complemented by the local wines. Oysters and mussels from the local beds in the Bassin de Thau near Sète are traditionally accompanied by Picpoul de Pinet (see p.7). The cluster of vegetables (and fruit) associated



with Provençal cooking - onions, peppers, tomatoes, garlic, aromatic herbs and olives - are a match made in heaven with richer whites and, you guessed it, rosé, for example an intense style such as the Ribotte on p.5. Finally, a glass of red Corbières (see p.10) is the perfect partner for a hearty cassoulet from Castelnaudary.



# ROSÉ

The South of France provides the most illustrious rosés in the world. The Languedoc is a source of superb value, whilst Provence produces rosé of the highest quality. We have a new wine from the Languedoc, the Fulcrand Cabanon rosé (p.4), based on Cinsault. The schist soils of Cabrières really shine through in this wine, with a pleasing mineral note being apparent.

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We also feature our usual stable of high-quality Provence rosés. The Pinot family of Château Ferry Lacombe have produced another excellent vintage of Mystère (p.5), the ultimate pale crowd-pleaser. The second vintage we have shipped from Château du Seuil (p.5) is every inch as sophisticated as the first. This organic estate based in the Trévaresse hills, between 350-450 meters above sea level has proved a winner since its introduction to the SVS range. Finally, it would be remiss of us not to highlight the Desblaches family's superb Bandol rosé (p.5). Based on Mourvèdre and grown on clay soils, this is a rosé of real power and depth as well as elegance. Be sure to enjoy it "bien frais", just like the Count of Montecristo did in Dumas' great revenge novel of 1844!

# **ROSÉS FROM THE LANGUEDOC**

## Petit Pont, Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2022 Bottle (Screwcap) £10.75 6 with 5% off £61.28

12.5%

Case with 12% off £113.52 Code PEP522 We sell far more of the Petit Pont Rosé than we do of the equivalent white and red added together - that's how good this honest rosé is. From Grenache and Cinsault, in the Provençal style, pale, light and refreshing, it offers a scent of red berries and a pretty mouthful of strawberry and cranberry fruit, with a crisp finish. Nothing complicated, just a wellmade, dry rosé perfect for regular consumption. Now-2025

## La Combe Saint-Paul, Les Amandiers, Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2023

12.5%

## Bottle £10.95 6 with 5% off £62.42 Case with 12% off £115.63

#### Code CSP523

A blend of Grenache, Mourvèdre and Syrah from the Maurys' vineyards near the Med south of Narbonne. A delicious cocktail of red fruit, with a long pleasing finish. A winner for all occasions. Now-2025

## Château La Grave, Minervois, Rosé, Expression, 2023

## Bottle £12.50 6 with 5% off £71.25 Case with 12% off £132

13%

£**144**.20

Code

**BS324** 

Code GRV423 From approximate halves of Syrah and Grenache, this unfailingly delivers splendid ripeness and intensity. Pale pink. Understated, in the Provençal vein, just showing delicate fraises des bois flavours. Appealing freshness. Now-2025

## **Rosés of the Beautiful South**

Two bottles of each of the following rosés with 12% off: Petit Pont, La Grave, Fulcrand Cabanon, Mystère, Chapelle du Seuil, Naos.

## L'Estabel, Cabrières Rosé, Fulcrand **Cabanon**, 2023

Bottle £12.95 6 with 5% off £73.82 Case with 12% off £136.75

## Code FUL523

This is named after the priest who reputedly introduced the wines of Cabrières, in particular a rosé, to the court of Louis XIV, the Sun King. A charming and elegant rosé based on 50% Cinsault, 40% Grenache and 10% Syrah. The Cinsault gives it pure and vibrant red fruit, a summer pudding of a wine, with the Syrah giving just a hint of something spicy in the background. There is also a pleasing mineral note, which elevates this wine. Now-2026

12 5%





# **ROSÉS FROM PROVENCE**

## Ferry Lacombe, Mystère, Rosé, IGP Mediterranee, 2022 Bottle £12.75 6 with 5% off £72.68

# Case with 12% off £134.64

Code FLA522

13%

13%

12.5%

A blend of about 50% Grenache Noir, 30% Grenache Blanc and 20% Caladoc (a cross of Grenache and Malbec created in 1958). Vibrant and moreish, lots of fruit, with notes of strawberry and flat peach. Refreshing and perfect for quaffing al fresco. The 2023 follows shortly. Drink this year

## Chapelle du Seuil, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence, 2022

#### Bottle £15.25 6 with 5% off £86.93 Case with 12% off £161.04

## Code CPS422

A characteristic Provençal blend based on Grenache and Syrah with Cinsault and Rolle (Vermentino). Pale pink; perfume of stone fruit and berries; subtle red fruit with a hint of white peach; a vein of minerality. Altogether successful. The 23 follows shortly. Drink this year

## ★ Château du Seuil, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence, 2023

Bottle £15.95 6 with 5% off £90.92				
Case with 12% off £168.43	Code SEU523			
Magnum £33.95 3 with 5% off £96.76				
6 with 12% off £179.26	Code SEU923			
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Organically farmed since 2020, north of Aix-en-Provence on plains 350m. above sea level. A blend of Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault and Rolle. Very pale pink, bright and elegant. Fragrant blossom, stone fruit and grapefruit with a long finish. Very classy. Now-2025

## Château Ferry Lacombe, Naos, Côtes de Provence Rosé, 2022

Bottle £17.75 6 with 5% off £101.18 Case with 12% off £187.44 Code CFL522 Magnum (2023 vintage) £38.50 3 with 5% off £109.73 6 with 12% off £203.28

Code CFL923

Naos is a Greek temple or shrine. This is one of the Pinot family's top cuvées, from 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah grown on argilo-calcaire soils. Pure and light pink. Lots of citrus, peach and red berry fruit. Lovely silkiness. Spendidly long finish. Sophisticated. The 2023 follows shortly. Drink this year

## Château Léoube, Origine de Léoube, Côtes de Provence, 2022

## Bottle £19.95 6 with 5% off £113.72 Case with 12% off £210.67

Located in a stunning spot on the Cap Bénat, including four kms. of coastline, with the vineyards bordered by ancient oaks, pines and the shrubby garrigue. Largely Grenache and Cinsault, with a little Syrah and Mourvèdre. Delicate pale pink. Berry and floral perfume. Lovely fruit, a perfect synthesis of berries - strawberry and raspberry - and citrus. Dry, just slightly savoury and with a hint of salinity. Drink this year

Domaine o	le la Ribotte,	Bandol	Rosé,
Cuvée Ana	ais, 2023		

#### Bottle £20.50 6 with 5% off £116.85 Case with 12% off £216.48

13.5% Code RIB523

Bandol, a small appellation on the coast east of Marseilles and west of Toulon, produces wonderful and distinctive rosés, based on the Mourvèdre grape which thrives in the sunshine and clay soils. Intense aromas of peach and red fruits dominate on the nose. There is a moreish saline note to this, backed up with grapefruit, white peach and wild strawberry. This has appealing intensity and weight and is a rosé capable of matching even strongly flavoured dishes. Now-2026



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# **BEAUTIFUL SOUTH FOR EVERYDAY – WINES UP TO £13**

The following whites and reds show the value to be found in the Beautiful South. For £10-£13 you can get so much variety and flavour. These are a collection of wines that can be enjoyed every day, with food or in front of a screen, and are certain to put a smile on your face.

We recommend the consistently good and beautifully presented wines of Paul and Line Maury from La Combe Saint-Paul. Giles Canton continues to supply his textbook Picpoul (p.7), delivering a bite of bright citrus to the palate. This section is completed by the ever-dependable wines of Domaine Vic and Château La Grave, both delivering fruit forward, honest wines for all palates.

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# White Wines – Up to £13

## W Petit Pont, Blanc, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2023

Bottle £10.75 (Screwcap) 6 with 5% off £61.28 Case with 12% off £113.52 Code PEP123

The Petit Pont wines are made by the Vic family near Beziers. The white is a tutti frutti blend of Vermentino with Chardonnay and spiced by other varieties. Bright citrus and pear, with a pleasing roundness. Very drinkable. Now-2025

## ★ W La Combe Saint-Paul, Rolle, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2022

#### Bottle £10.95 6 with 5% off £62.42 Case with 12% off £115.63

12.5%

12 5%

**Case with 12% off £115.63** The Maurys' Rolle (formerly labelled as Vermentino, same wine!) has become one of our benchmark wines, sold in splendid volumes to our private customers and Michelin starred restaurants alike. Open, stone fruited attack gives way to a gentler, pine-scented, well-textured mid-palate. Fruity but finishes dry. This is a fine all-rounder, as good an aperitif as with mediterranean fish or vegetable dishes. Now-2025

"Inviting aroma of pears and wild flowers as well as a pinch of peppery spice. I can see why this is one of Stone, Vine & Sun's bestsellers. it is packed with flavour, tastes bone dry but has a richness of fruit and lots of texture, almost chewy. A brilliant all-rounder with surprising persistence and much more *interest than so many whites at this price. GV. 16/20",* Julia Harding, MW, **jancisrobinson.com**, 6th Dec 2023.

"A relaxed, fresh-faced, floral and fruity white... aromas of jasmine, pear, peach drifting across a rounded, marzipaninflected palate with a lick of grapefruit peel", Joanna Simon, The Festive White Wine Guide 2023, **joannasimon.com**, 12th December 2023

## W La Combe Saint-Paul, Chardonnay, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2022 13%

#### Bottle £10.95 6 with 5% off £62.42 Case with 12% off £115.63

Code CSP122

Unoaked, this Chardonnay shows peach, apricot and citrus fruit flavours. Ripe and textured but also fresh and crisp on the finish, it would not be out of place in a flight of Mâcons. Now-2025

## W La Combe Saint-Paul, Viognier, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2023 13.5%

#### Bottle £11.25 6 with 5% off £64.13 Case with 12% off £118.80

Code CSP323

As usual this is more on the light, fresh, floral side of Viognier than more obviously weighty or over-ripe examples from the Languedoc. Lime flower perfume. True fresh peach flavour, just a little appealing fat and a good dry finish. As charming as ever, a lovely aperitif. Now-2025

#### W L'Estabel, Languedoc Blanc, Grande Cuvée Comtesse, 2022 13%

Bottle £11.95 with 5% off £68.12 Case with 12% off £126.19 Code LES122

A blend of Grenache Blanc and Clairette with a little Bourboulenc. White flowers, grapefruit and lime. Refreshing and lightly aromatic. Now-2025

"Gold medal Paris 2023. Blend of Clairette, Grenache Blanc, Rolle and Bourboulenc from Cabrières schist, bottled in an unusual dark flute. Really mineral, intriguing nose. There's something quite like a dry Riesling about the build of this super-refreshing wine with its excellent natural acidity and mineral elements. Slightly underripe greengage fruit. Amazing value! VVGV. 17/20", Jancis Robinson MW, jancisrobinson.com, 11th May 2023

## W Les Roches Saintes, Picpoul de Pinet, 2022 13%

#### Bottle £12.25 6 with 5% off £69.83 Case with 12% off £129.36

Code LRS122 Gilles Canton's vines are about 5 kms from the Med, where the light sand of the coast give way to argilo-calcaire soils: those bring a bit more weight to the wine. Fresh and limey, with the merest saline note on the long finish. As appealing an aperitif as with all types of seafood. Now-2025

## W Combe Saint-Paul, Calcaires d'Ensérune, Languedoc, 2022

#### Bottle £12.75 6 with 5% off £72.68 Case with 12% off £134.64

Code CSP422

13.5%

From halves of Roussanne and Vermentino (Rolle), grown on limestone soils (the Calcaires), and just a little aged in old barrels. Floral perfume (irises?) plus citrus peel. The Roussanne brings stone fruit and an appealing lemon curd note; the Vermentino herbal hints. There's weight apparent alongside a certain chalkiness. Understated, more about texture than fruit, but offering excellent value. Now-2025

#### **★**W L'Estabel, Clairette de Languedoc, Fulcrand **Cabanon**, 2023 12 5%

## Bottle £12.95 6 with 5% off £73.82 Case with 12% off £136.75

Code FUL123 Named after a village Priest who was said to have introduced the wine of Cabrières to the court of Louis XIV, this is 100% old vine Clairette of the highest order. Aged in concrete tanks this is a wine with a large depth of flavour. White flowers, garrigue and apple greet you, with a slight honeyed note on the palate too. Long finish and a very satisfying wine. Now-2025

## W Château La Grave, Minervois Blanc, **Expression**, 2023

## 13%

#### Bottle £13.25 6 with 5% off £75.52 Case with 12% off £139.92

Code GRV623

An aromatic and concentrated white from 60% Macabeu, 30% Vermentino and 10% Marsanne. A wine of great interest with some herbal and stone fruit notes and a textured mouthfeel. Enough weight and complexity to handle food but worthy as an aperitif too. Now-2025



## L'Estabel, Cabrières

This is our second year of working with the small co-operative L'Estabel in Cabrières. Their wines were a massive hit last year with both customers and critics, making such an impression on Jancis Robinson MW that she made time to visit the winery last summer and purchase wine from them for personal consumption. Under the direction of Luc Flache, director and winemaker, the terroir of Cabrières is being highlighted expertly. What distinguishes Cabrières are the schist soils. Wines from vines grown on schist often display highly aromatic and pure fruit with a distinctive high-toned scent and taste. This can be found in all the L'Estabel wines.

Tasting with L'Estabel was a delight: one can see why the wines were a favourite at the court of Louis XIV! Despite being a small appellation - Cabrières has only 380 hectares under vine - this now features prominently in our Beautiful South list. We have added three wines, a red, white and rosé from the Fulcrand Cabanon range, named after the priest who reputedly introduced the wines of Cabrières to the Sun King's circle.



# **RED WINES – UP TO £13**



#### R Les Pradelles, IGP d'Hérault, 2021 Bottle (Screwcap) £9.50 6 with 5% off £54.15 Case with 12% off £100.32 Code PRD121

Bottled at a smart new co-op at Cébazan in St.-Chinian, this is an easy-drinking blend of Carignan and Grenache from the plains of the Languedoc. Red fruited with a surprisingly good texture, no rough edges, soft, light and juicily berried. Perfect for uncomplicated daily drinking. Drink this year

#### R Petit Pont, Rouge, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2022 12 5%

#### Bottle (Screwcap) £10.75 6 with 5% off £61.28 Case with 12% off £113.52

Code PEP622

12.5%

Largely from Grenache, Cinsault and a little Cabernet Sauvignon. Bramble fruited but with a lighter, raspberry accent and minimal tannin: a fruity, easy-drinking style. Now-2025

#### R Comtesse de Marion, Merlot, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2022 13.5%

Bottle (Screwcap) £11.25 6 with 5% off £64.13 Case with 12% off £118.80

Code VIC322

14%

Attractive typicity: aromas of sweet plum with a leafy touch, followed by a supple and lightly creamy, berried palate with barely discernible tannins. Very popular. Now-2025

## R La Croisade, Pinot Noir, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2022 13%

#### Bottle (Screwcap) £11.25 6 with 5% off £64.13 Case with 12% off £118.80 Code AGW722 With fruit in part sourced from cool Limoux vineyards, crisp and classy, blended with riper grapes from the Languedoc

plains, this is a friendly, supple Pinot showing fresh cherries with a touch of vanilla. Now-2025

## **\*** R L'Estabel, Languedoc-Cabrières, Grande **Cuvée Comtesse Rouge, 2022**

#### Bottle £11.95 6 with 5% off £68.12 Case with 12% off £126.19

Code LES622 This is a blend of Grenache, Syrah and Carignan. The warmth of the vintage really shines through. Glossy cherry fruit and a little herbiness greet you, and whilst there is a little texture it's a supple red. Charming but also distinctively Languedoc. Now-2025

## R Château La Grave, Minervois Rouge, Tristan et Julien, 2021

Bottle £11.95 6 with 5% off £68.12 Case with 12% off £126.19 Code GRV121

A bright, hugely pleasing and honest country red: from halves of Grenache and Syrah, showing the strawberry sweetness of the former combined with the black fruit of the latter. Now-2026

#### R L'Estabel, Cabrières Rouge, Fulcrand Cabanon, 2022 14%

#### Bottle £12.95 6 with 5% off £73.82 Case with 12% off £136.75

Code FUL622

A blend of Syrah, Grenache and Cinsault grown on schist soil at 120 meters above sea level. This has all been vinified in stainless steel. This is a vibrant melange of red fruit. Soaring raspberry and wild strawberry dominate with a balancing lick of tannin. Now-2026

#### R La Combe Saint-Paul, La Clape, Grés Rouges, 2021 14%

### Bottle £13.25 6 with 5% off £75.53 Case with 12% off £139.92

Code CSP621

Code

BS424

Named after the vineyard soils derived from grés rouges (red sandstone); 60% Syrah with 20% each of Mourvedre and Grenache, basically unoaked (10% in old barrels). This shows an unusual depth of flavour and intensity for a wine at this price. Glow of youthful purple. Enticing autumn compôte aromas. Smooth, mid weight and bursting with blackberry and blueberry notes. Subtle fruit tannins. A super wine at a modest price which one could profitably lay down. Now-2027

## **L-R Reds Case**

Two bottles of each of the following with 12% off: L'Estabel Fulcrand Cabanon, La Combe Saint-Paul La Clape Grés Rouges, **Reserve Grand Arc Corbières**, Fontanel Hominus Sapanius, Liquière Amandiers, Mas d'Agamas Nostre Mescladis.



# **A TASTE OF THE TERROIR** - £13 TO £18

This section really is the sweet spot of the Beautiful South. For between £13 - £18 you get wines that show off their provenance beautifully. Whether it is the schist of Cabrières and Faugères, the garrigue of Grés de Montpellier and Terrasses du Larzac or the stony, windy cauldron of Roussillon, this section is full of wines that brilliantly express the terroir that gave birth to them.

Featured are the wines of Domaine Begude and Domaine Pegaline from Limoux and Pic Saint-Loup respectively. Both wineries benefit from being grown at altitude with the wines having wonderful freshness and aromatics. From Corbières there are wines from Domaine Grand Arc, with vines being grown in the shadow of the great Cathar castles of Queribus and Peyrepertuse. From the heartland regions of Grés de Montpellier, La Clape and Terrases de Larzac there are wines accented by the aromas of garrigue: explore the wines of Roussillon.

## The Whites - £13 to £18

#### **\*** W Domaine du Grand Arc, Corbières Blanc, Veillee d'Equinoxe, 2023 13%

#### Bottle £13.50 6 with 5% off £76.95 Case with 12% off £142.56

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A blend of 40% Grenache Blanc, 25% Rolle, 25% Roussanne and 10% Macabeu. This is incredibly aromatic and a real delight of a wine. So much interest and so much complexity. Red apple, stone fruit, and acacia. This lasts on the palate for a long time. Pound for pound it is hard to find a better wine. Now-2027

## W Château de la Liquière, Faugères, Amandiers Blanc, 2022

## Bottle £15.95 6 with 5% off £90.92

Case with 12% off £168.43

13%

### Code LIQ622

Code DGA623

This is from numerous parcels planted on some of the Vidal family's highest land about forty years ago; a blend of Roussanne, Grenache Blanc, Vermentino, Marsanne, Clairette and Bourboulenc. This is so fragrant and aromatic, offering up hothouse scents of citrus blossom and lilies. Stone-fruited with splendid intensity of fruit. It's no surprise that this has become so popular amongst our customers in just a few years. Drink this year.

## W Domaine Begude, Chardonnay, L'Etoile, Limoux, 2022

#### Bottle £16.95 6 with 5% off £96.62 Case with 12% off £178.99

13.5%

#### Code BEG222

This is a star barrel-fermented Chardonnay, from very low yields - less than half those in Burgundy. It goes into 500 litre demi-muids, half new, and is fermented only with indigenous yeasts. This opens up with tropical fruits, but has plenty of nervous energy, great texture and splendid length. Will drink now but a Burgundy beater if you lay it down as it develops beautifully, with ripe citrus and buttery notes coming to the fore. Now-2028

#### W Clos de L'Amandaie, Languedoc, Amandaie Blanc, 2021 14%

#### Bottle £17.95 6 with 5% off £102.32 Case with 12% off £189.55

Code CLA221

This is a blend of 80% Grenache Blanc and 20% Roussanne which has spent ten months aged on its lees in concrete, with regular stirring. A very gastronomic wine, ideal with intensely sauced fish dishes or aromatic curries. The 2022 follows shortly. Now-2025

## The Reds - £13 to £18

#### **\***R Domaine du Grand Arc, Corbières Rouge, **Reserve Grand Arc, 2022** 14%

### Bottle £13.50 6 with 5% off £76.95 Case with 12% off £142.56

A blend of 50% Carignan, 35% Grenache Noir and 15% Mourvèdre. From the Schenk family this has been aged in barrel, 20% new. Dense and full-flavoured, this is a serious wine for the money and could keep well if you have the patience. Dark fruit and garrique tinged with oak. Impressive. Now-2028

## **R Domaine du Grand Arc, Corbières Rouge,** Cuvée des Quarante, 2021

#### Bottle £14.95 6 with 5% off £85.22 Case with 12% off £157.87

14%

Code DGA222

Code DGA321 Based on 45% Carignan with 35% Grenache and 20% Syrah, all in barrel, about 20% new: a blend at the cellar first made by Bruno Schenk when he was forty years old - hence the name. Black fruit on nose; very ripe and full bodied with definite tannins and a long finish. Such promise - but does anyone lay down a wine at this price? It's worth it. Now-2028

#### R Domaine Begude, Le Cerisier Pinot Noir, IGP Haute Vallée de l'Aude, 2022 13%

#### Bottle £14.95 6 with 5% off £85.22 Case with 12% off £157.82

Code BEG622 Renamed the cherry tree, this Pinot is a long term favourite here, fresh and pure (just 10% goes into old barrels) and perfect for warmer weather, served cool with a plate of charcuterie or mild cheese. Now-2025

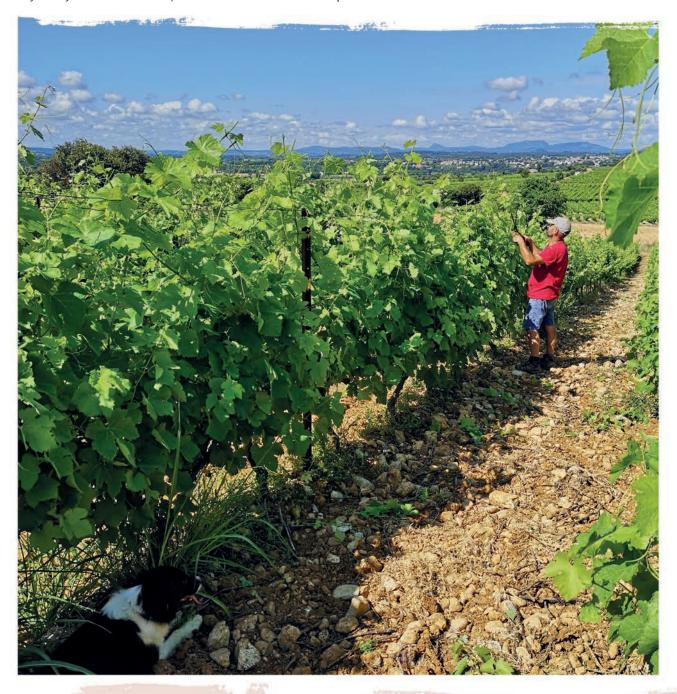
## R Domaine Fontanel, Hominus Sapanius, IGP Côtes Catalanes, Rouge 2021

#### Bottle £14.95 6 with 5% off £85.22 Case with 12% off £157.82

14.5%

#### Code FON421

From young vines of Syrah and Grenache, plus a little Mourvèdre, grown in hot, dry and windy mountain vineyards near Tautavel (so it could actually be labelled as Côte du Roussillon Villages). This is a terrific introduction to the classic Roussillon style: it has great depth of colour; cherry and herbal aromas with a roasted note; and delivers a lively gush of black cherry and brambly fruit. So much character, with just the slightest buzz of tannins. Will drink superbly with a barbecue but as good for any red meat. Now-2026





#### R Mas des Brousses, Chasseur des Brousses, IGP Saint-Guilhem-Le-Desert, 2020 14% Bottle £15.50 6 with 5% off £88.35

# Case with 12% off £163.68

Code MAB120

The recipe for this successful marriage of Bordeaux and the south has changed over recent years; in this vintage it's based on young vine Mourvèdre with old vine Merlot, plus a little Syrah and Grenache. Aromas of plum, blueberry and blackcurrant leaf. Juicy, sappy red cherry and strawberry flavours – spiced by a little of Mourvèdre's savouriness. This feels crunchy and vital - very moreish and perfect for spring and summer drinking. The merest rasp of rusticity. Great with strongly flavoured sausage or cheese. Now-2025

#### 🕏 R Domaine de Cazaban, Jours de Vigne, IGP Pays d'Aude, 2021 12.5%

Bottle £15.50 6 with 5% off £88.35 Case with 12% off £163.68

## Code CAZ121

From halves of Grenache Noir and Carignan. Light, airy wine, wild strawberry and cherry-scented and flavoured. Absurdly pretty, such charm. Drink this year

# Château de la Liquière, Faugères

La Liquière is among the finest estates in Faugères. Vidals have lived in the village of Cabrerolles in the very north of the appellation since the seventeenth century, but the estate was really founded by François' grandfather, who was one of the most vocal lobbyists for the creation of the Faugères appellation – which occurred in 1982.

The family have 60 hectares, largely at 300m. of altitude on the schistous slopes which precede the massif to the north. Their wines reflect their situation, showing a natural concentration from very low yields (averaging just 25 hectolitre per hectare) across stony vineyards of largely bush vines; and an elegance which derives from the cooler breezes in the hills.

François expertly showed us through his range. The consistently high quality of their wine is remarkable. There are wines for all palates, with vibrant and juicy wines to be found for everyday drinking along with sublime wines to be enjoyed on special occasions.

#### 🕏 R Clos de L'Amandaie, Héritage Carignan, IGP Vicomte D'Aumelas, 2022, 14%

#### Bottle £15.75 6 with 5% off £89.78 Case with 12% off £166.32

Code CLA122

Only seven producers work in the tiny IGP of Vicomte D'Aumelas. The vineyards lie between the Herault river and the Aumelas hills just to the west of Montpellier. Here Clos de L'Amandaie have a small plot of old vine Carignan which they use to make this wine. The grapes are given a short maceration to deliver a youthful and approachable style. This is such an elegant expression of Carignan, full of crunchy red fruit with just a lick of tannin. With summer around the corner it's an ideal wine to have stashed away. Now-2026

#### R Domaine Pegaline, Pin-Sault, Vin de France, 2021 14%

#### Bottle £15.95 6 with 5% off £90.92 Case with 12% off £168.43

Code PEG121

A blend of Cinsault and Pinot Noir, hence the name. Gentle purple. Enticing perfume, combining the bright strawberry of Cinsault with a little Pinot earthiness. Juicy, sappy, light and crunchy, with dancing red-berried fruit, this is a silky beauty. Will make perfect drinking as soon as the weather warms up. Now-2025

#### **\***R Domaine Pegaline, Pic Saint-Loup, Pegaline, 2020 14%

#### Bottle £15.95 6 with 5% off £90.92 Case with 12% off £168.43

Code PEG220

14%

60% Syrah, 23% Mourvèdre and 17% Grenache, a quintessential red from Pic Saint-Loup. Melange of red and black fruit with black pepper and garrigue hints. The Syrah shows that malted note characteristic of Pic Saint-Loup cellars and the Mourvèdre brings umani savoury notes. Lots of depth. Do double decant (into a jug and back in the bottle) to open this up and drink with beef or pork casserole. Now-2026

## ★ ♥ R Château de la Liquière, Faugères, Amandiers Rouge, 2022

## Bottle £15.95 6 with 5% off £90.92 Case with 12% off £168.43

terroir. Delicious. Now-2026

Code LIQ222 A blend of Syrah, Grenache and Carignan grown on schist soils and completely unoaked. Always a winner, with raspberry and red cherry fruit to the fore. There is a wonderful clarity and purity to the fruit, which feels very representative of the



#### ★ R Mas d'Agamas, Terrasses du Larzac, Nostre Mescladis. 2021 14%

Bottle £16.50 6 with 5% off £94.05 Case with 12% off £174.24

## Code AGA321

14%

Nostre Mescladis translates as "our blend": from Grenache, Carignan, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cinsaut, approximately in proportion to the grape varieties in the Visseq family's vineyards. Unoaked, it's aged in concrete, which adds a wonderful textured element to it. A huge hit of garrigue on the nose with bramble fruit and slight note of pepper. This is very classy and packed full of fruit. Vincent Visseg has produced another superb vintage. Now-2026

## 🕏 R Château de la Liquière, Faugères Rouge, 2021

Bottle £16.95 6 with 5% off £96.62 Case with 12% off £178.99 Code LIQ121 Magnum (2022 vintage) £40.50 3 with 5% off £115.43 6 with 12% off £213.84 Code LIQ122M

The estate's principal wine, an unoaked, life-enhancing blend of Grenache and Syrah with a little Carignan and Mourvèdre. Youthful, vibrant purple. A lively and concentrated blast of red berry and cherry fruit. Supple tannins. Transparent and expressive – a classic example, and François Vidal is right to praise its "freshness and elegance". Perfect with a simply prepared steak. Now-2026

## ★ 🕏 R Villa Orae, La Clape, Sillons, 2020

#### Bottle £17.50 6 with 5% off £99.75 Case with 12% off £184.80

#### Code ORA120

Code CLA319

14%

This is a blend of 50% Syrah, 40% Grenache and 10% Mourvèdre and is organically certified. The warmth of the beautiful South really shines through in this wine. Unoaked, it is a celebration of silky black fruit flavours, blackberries, and black cherry, with just a little spice on the finish. A truly joyous wine. Now-2026

"Transparent crimson. Sweet start and lots of pleasure and saline interest already though with some tannic undertow. Good for now and the future! 16.5/20. Drink 2023-2028", Jancis Robinson MW, jancisrobinson.com, 10th May 2023

#### R Clos de L'Amandaie, AOP Grès de Montpellier, Amandaie Rouge, 2019 14 5%

### Bottle £17.95 6 with 5% off £102.32 Case with 12% off £189.55

Only red wine is permitted in the AOP Grés de Montpellier. This is a blend of about 33% each of Grenache and Syrah, 25% Carignan and 9% Cinsault. The Syrah spends time in old oak barrels whilst the rest of the blend is left in concrete. Terrific this vintage, with great potential for keeping too. Pure, lightly heated red fruits dominate, accented by black olive and liquorice. Supple fruit tannins. Gorgeous, life-giving wine. Now-2026

"Deep crimson and rather heavy Grés de Montpellier bottle. Meaty nose verging on gamey. Lots of interest here! Quite a bit of tannin and ambition but a serious red wine for the cellar. Tastes a bit more Syrah than Grenache!" 16+/20, Drink May 2023



# **GRAND VINS DU SUD – ABOVE £18**

These wines represent the best of the Beautiful South. Not only do they express their terroir, but they show off the skill and ingenuity of the winemakers. These are wines fit to mark the most august of celebrations and will match up to their equivalents from so called grander regions. In this section are wines that are excellent now, but all of these will age beautifully and be rewarding for years to come.

Glorious barrel aged whites lead off. They are gastronomic and provide an interesting and great value alternative to white Burgundy. The reds show off the sheer variety available in the south. There are elegant and perfumed reds in the form of Cazaban's Parti Pris (p.14) and La Liquière's La Fabrique (p.14). Fans of the northern Rhône should consider La Combe Saint-Paul, L'Insoupçonné (p.14) or the Château de la Liquière, Les Malpas (p.14), both wines based on Syrah. If heavier reds are your thing then check out the two based on Mourvèdre, Pegaline's Du Coeur Au Ventre from Pic Saint-Loup, (p.14) and Ribotte's Bandol Rouge (p.14). Finally, in this section nestles the red we consider to be the acme of the Beautiful South, Mas des Brousses, Terrasses de Larzac (p.14): already superb, we know this ages beautifully. It should be a Grand Cru of the region.

## White Wines - Above £18

Bottle £19.95 6 with 5% off £113.72

## ★ **\*** W Château de la Liquière, Faugères Blanc, Cuvée Cistus, 2022 13.5%

Case with 12% off £210.67Code LIQ722A blend of Roussanne, Vermentino and Grenache Blanc<br/>grown at altitude. The Roussanne is fermented and aged in<br/>500l oak barrels. There is a wonderful richness to this wine. It<br/>is gastronomic and broad. Stone fruit, blossom and a pleasing<br/>honeyed note. A Grand Cru of the Languedoc? Serve with<br/>slow roasted chicken and Mediterranean vegetables to see<br/>this wine at its best. Now-2027

## W Domaine Fontanel, Amae Blanc, IGP Côtes Catalanes Blanc, 2022 12.5%

#### Bottle £20.50 6 with 5% off £116.85 Case with 12% off £216.48

Code FON722

13.5%

Code LIQ821

A 50/50 blend of Roussanne and Grenache Blanc from vines planted in 1908. The wine is aged in old 300l Burgundy barrels and subject to regular battonage. Elodie and Matthieu took the decision to pick some of the Grenache Blanc early to ensure freshness in the wine. This pays off in spades. Bright and elegant, with grapefruit, flat peaches and Mediterranean herbs featuring. Long, saline too and some weight from the oak, there is wonderful depth to this wine. A tour de force. Now – 2027

## W Château de la Liquière, Faugères, Nos Racines Blanc, 2021

#### Bottle £20.50 6 with 5% off £116.85 Case with 12% off £216.48

The Racines (Roots) wines are named after the vines planted here a long time ago: for the white that means Carignan Blanc, Grenache Blanc and Gris, Terret and Bourboulenc. An extraordinary white, luxuriant yet steely. Core of pineapple and stone fruit, but there are so many other nuances too – fat nuts and Provençal herbs. Intense and very long. Now-2025

"Racy and lively from a producer with a fine reputation. Lots of tension here – if it were found in a white burgundy it would cost twice as much! No hurry to drink this rewarding wine that's likely to open out further but is certainly already a pleasure to drink. **GV**, 16.5+/20, Drink 2023-2027", Jancis Robinson MW, **jancisrobinson.com**, 10th May 2023

## Terroirs of the Beautiful South

Two bottles of each of the following with 12% off: Begude L'Etoile, Clos de l'Amandaie Blanc, Liquière Cistus Blanc, Liquière Faugères Rouge, Villa Orae Sillons, Fontanel Arrels.

## Domaine Fontanel, Tautavel, Côtes du Roussillon



Elodie and Mathieu Collet bought the domaine from Pierre and Marie-Claude Fontaneil in 2017 and have already made a name for themselves, being elected no less than Vignerons de l'Année (Roussillon) du Guide Hachette 2019. They seek to make traditional wines, expressive of Roussillon, but with refinement: the reds are more polished than of old as they achieve finer tannins and a lighter structure.

Winemaking is hard in Roussillon, with Perpignan

(the lead city of the region) the hottest and driest city in France. The vines must scratch out an existence on a combination of soils based around granite, gneiss and shist. To add to this, they are exposed to vicious winds. Despite these challenges both Elodie and Mathieu, who are originally from Northern France, are loving life in Roussillon and it shows in their wines. The warmth of the region shines through their wines, powerful but always balanced. There is also a dedication to the traditions of Roussillon, seen in their Vin Doux Naturels and their glorious Maury Sec, Arrels.

£**194**.00

Code

BS524

## Red Wines - Above £18

## 🕏 R Domaine de Cazaban, Parti Pris, IGP Pays d'Aude, 2021

### Bottle £20.95 6 with 5% off £119.42 Case with 12% off £221.23

13%

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Code CAZ421 Parti Pris translates as bias. OK, we are biased towards Pinot Noir here, but that's not why we bought this. It's because it's a fascinating expression of the grape, from vineyards at over 200m. of altitude on the slopes of the Montagne Noire, aged all in old foudres (big barrels). From its clear raspberry juice appearance to its floral aromatics and fresh and delicate flavours of strawberries and red cherries it exudes purity and transparency. It's not Burgundian, and it's not New World in style either, but has a dimension all of its own. Now-2025

### **\* R Domaine Fontanel, Maury Sec, Arrels, 2022** 14.5%

#### Bottle £20.95 6 with 5% off £119.42 Case with 12% off £221.23

#### Code FON522

Arrels means "Roots" in the Catalan language. This is Elodie and Matthieu's love letter to the historic Catalan associations of Roussillon. It's a blend of 70% Grenache Noir and 30% Mourvèdre, grown on schist and aged only in stainless steel, allowing the terroir to speak clearly. Ripe black cherry and raspberry dominate, allied to a balancing savoury quality and a lick of tannin to add structure. A brilliant and distinctively Roussillon red. Now-2027

#### R Domaine Fontanel, Côtes du Roussillon Villages Tautavel, Cistes, 2020 14.5%

### Bottle £21.50 6 with 5% off £122.55 Case with 12% off £227.04

Code FON220 Named after Cistus, the rock rose which flowers in the spring. From halves of Grenache and Syrah, the latter aged in barrel, the former in tank. Inky. Hints of vanilla over luxuriant fruit. Mouthcoating concentration. Not in the least sweet or jammy but instead showing the juiciness of blackcurrants. Now-2027

"Hawthorn berries, cigar and masses of herbs. Quite taut and muscular. Like their Initium, notes of Szechaun pepper and star anise give lively texture and lift. The tannins feel like well-worn tweed, embroidered velvet and dried thyme. But the finish is crunchy with a spicy kick. Very much a wine covered in the fingerprints of its vineyards and winegrowing family. 17/20, 2023-2030", Tamlyn Currin, jancisrobinson.com, 7th July 2023

#### 🕏 R Château de la Liquière, Faugères, La Fabrique Rouge, 2021 14%

#### Bottle £21.50 6 with 5% off £122.55 Case with 12% off £227.04

Code LIQ921

14 5%

Code CSP721

A particular highlight of our Liquière tasting. A field blend based on Carignan, which has some Grenache, Syrah and Cinsault coplanted with it. Harvested by hand and matured in concrete tanks. So pure and aromatic. Lavendar and red fruits dominate the nose with such pure fruit evident on the palate. This is an elegant expression of Faugères and one that is a pure delight to drink. Now-2027

## R La Combe Saint-Paul, L'Insoupconné, La Clape, 2021

#### Bottle £21.50 6 with 5% off £122.55 Case with 12% off £227.04

Grown on clay-limestone soils in La Clape (a "heap of pepples" in the Occitan language, the old language of the Languedoc), a high rocky site near the Med south of Narbonne. 85% Syrah with Mourvèdre, given 10 months ageing in a mix of new and 2nd fill barrels - and a very limited production wine, just 2000 bottles in this vintage. As ever, very deep and opaque. Classic aromas of the hot south - black fruit with a hint of menthol. Lovely sucrosité up front, and then dark, brambly black fruit is dominant. Tannins beautifully covered. With great suavity and length, this is quite classic and combines power and finesse. Now-2027

## **Grand Rouges du Sud**

Two bottles of each of the following with 15% off: Cazaban Parti Pris, Fontanel Cistes, Château de la Liquière La Fabrique Rouge, La Combe Saint-Paul La Clape L'Insoupçonné, Mas des Brousses Terrasses du Larzac, Ribotte Bandol Rouge.

## \* \* R Mas des Brousses, Terrasses du Larzac, 2020 13.5%

#### Bottle £23.50 6 with 5% off £133.95 Case with 12% off £248.16

Code MAB220

Consistently the most elegant and ageworthy wine in our Languedoc portfolio; distinguished by the high proportion of Mourvèdre (about half, plus Syrah and Grenache). Seductive Mediterranean perfume of garrigue, autumnal fruit and vanilla oak. Super-smooth palate - this just melts in the mouth - of blackberry tinged with bay leaf, menthol and liquorice. Velvety, already approachable, a sophisticated red which will keep for years. Now-2026

"About 50% Mourvèdre, plus Syrah and Grenache, from cuttings brought to the Languedoc by winemaker Xavier Peyraud from his family's vineyards at Domaine Tempier. Relatively high vineyards near Puéchabon.

Deep crimson. Fabulous aroma that draws you in: it's savoury in a lightly peppery way and yet lifted and scented with red fruit and wild herbs, possibly wild flowers. Complex and layered even before you put it in your mouth. Those same unusual counterpoints on the palate, the savoury side of Mourvèdre, as well as something herbal, almost lavender-like, that is surely the terroir of this exciting region. Gorgeous and great value for such a complex and distinctive wine. Elegant, fresh, deep, scented, utterly satisfying in a mediumbodied way and **VGV**. I am sure this will age well over the next few years but drink it now with this complexity and intrinsic freshness of scented fruit and dry, digestible tannins. If you want heft and full body this is not for you. 17/20. 2023-27", Julia Harding MW, jancisrobinson.com, 2nd December 2023.

"A lovely, elegant Terrasses du Larzac with savoury notes of grilled rosemary and dark berries", Victoria Moore, The Telegraph, 7th December 2023

#### **R Domaine Pegaline, Pic Saint-Loup, Du Coeur Au** Ventre, 2020 14.5%

#### Bottle £25.95 6 with 5% off £147.92 Case with 12% off £274.03

Pure Mourvèdre, and a superb wine. Completely opaque purple in the glass. There is a savoury quality to the wine, with game notes and spice blending brilliantly. This is all underpinned by a little minerality and some dark fruit. There are significant tannins, but they do not overpower the fruit. Fine to drink now with food but will really show at its best in the coming years. Now-2028

#### 🕏 R Château de la Liquière, Faugères Rouge, Les Malpas, 2021 14%

#### Bottle £26.95 6 with 5% off £153.62 Case with 12% off £284.59

Code LIO021

Code PEG520

Les Malpas refers to the two highest plots of Syrah in the estate, both on schist at 400m. above sea level. The grapes are hand harvested and then aged in 500l old oak barrels. This has a superb Northern Rhône quality. Dark fruit, smoky but with vibrant acidity. Very approachable now but will age beautifully. Now-2029

#### R Domaine de la Ribotte, Bandol Rouge, 2020 14% Bottle £31.50 6 with 5% off £179.55

## Case with 12% off £332.64

Code RIB820

The clay soils and long sunshine hours in Bandol make for the perfect conditions for growing Mourvèdre, on which red Bandol is based. This example is full of meaty savoury notes, aromatic spice, woodsmoke and black fruit. Inky and concentrated, it's tailor made for hearty red meat-based dishes: a daube provençale would be perfect. Already drinking well, this will age gracefully too. Now-2029

£**238** 50

Code

BS624

# **ORNAMENTS OF THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH**

In this section we celebrate some of the more distinctive wines of the region. They are the sprinkles and cherries on top of the cake that is the Beautiful South. Firstly, we highlight the bright and elegant sparkling wines from Domaine J. Laurens, based in Limoux. The vines here benefit from cool downdraughts from the Pyrenees, enabling quality sparkling wine to be produced: fine *méthode* champenoise sparklers without champagne prices.

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We finish with the remarkable *Vin Doux Naturels* from Domaine Fontanel. These are created by stopping the fermentation process early by the addition of grape spirit (a process known as mutage) leaving a wine high in natural sugars as well as alcohol, typically 15%-17%. These two very different wines provide the perfect way to finish a meal.

#### Fizz Domaine J. Laurens, Blanquette de Limoux Brut, Le Moulin, NV 12%

#### Bottle £15.95 6 with 5% off £90.92 Case with 12% off £168.43

Code LAU1NV Elegantly made, using Champagne techniques, from 90% Mauzac, the traditional variety of Limoux, with 10% Chardonnay, grown in the foothills of the Pyrenees. Pale lemon with a fine mousse. Aromas of ripe pear and white flowers with the notes of warm nuts and cinnamon characteristic of Mauzac. Crisp and elegant citrus and stone fruit flavours meld seamlessly and lead to a finely focused finish. A perfectly refreshing aperitif. Now-2025

## Fizz Domaine J. Laurens, Cremant de Limoux Brut, Les Graimenous, 2021

## Bottle £16.95 6 with 5% off £96.62

Case with 12% off £178.99

Code LAU321

12%

We have always said this was a dead ringer for Champagne (and frankly much more fun to drink than some of the battery acid cuvées churned out by the giant Champagne cooperatives). It's a blend of 60% Chardonnay with 30% Chenin, 5% Pinot Noir and 5% Mauzac. Such a refined nose with citrus and green apple scents, breadth and complexity. This is delightfully racy and vital, with ripe orchard fruits and a refined hint of breadiness. Such a versatile wine, an ideal accompaniment to seafood, even sushi and tempura. Now-2025

## Fortified Domaine Fontanel, Maury Grenat, 2020

Bottle £23.50 6 with 5% off £133.95 Case with 12% off £248.16

### Code FON620

17%

From a single plot of 70-year-old Grenache Noir, aged in old oak barrels for 18 months. The glorious sweetness of the wine comes from harvesting the grapes very late and then ending the fermentation process early. There is a port-like quality to the wine - but without the tannins of port grapes - with ripe cherry and blackcurrant partnered with raisin and a moreish sweetness. Perfect with blue cheese or chocolatebased puddings. Now-2029.

## **★ Fortified Fontanel, Rivesaltes Ambré, 2015** 16% Bottle £23.95 6 with 5% off £136.52 Case with 12% off £252.91

#### Code FON915

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This Vin Doux Naturel is one of the most unusual and exciting wines in our entire stock. From late-picked, 60 year-old vines of Grenache Blanc and Gris, the Ambré - amber - tone develops after at least five years of mildly oxidative ageing in barrel (and here it's kept a lot longer before bottling). Pure clear amber hue. This offers intriguing fumes: dried figs and dates with a spirity lift. The sherry-like oxidation is more apparent on the palate - the dried fruit and apricot liqueur notes give way to the nuttiness of an old oloroso. Not oversweet, but airy and fragrant. This makes a wonderful partner to hard cheese such as aged cheddar, dried fruit and nuts. Now-2028



# **BEAUTIFUL SOUTH CASE OFFERS**

# Introduction to the Beautiful South

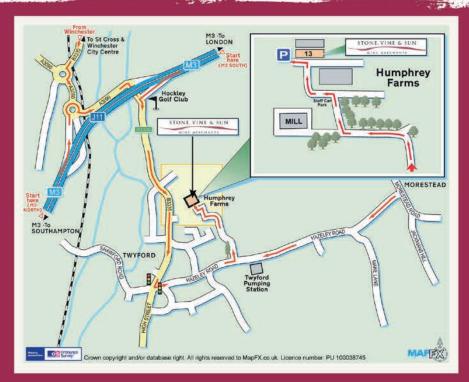


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# The Beautiful South Tasting Case

£**157**.60 Code BS224

One bottle of each of the following with 10% off (one sparkling, one rosé, four whites, six reds): Domain J. Laurens, Blanquette Page 15 Château du Seuil, Rosé Page 5 La Combe Saint-Paul, Viognier Page 6 L'Estabel, Fulcrand Cabanon Blanc Page 7 La Liquière, Amandiers Blanc Page 9 Domaine Du Grand Arc, Equinoxe Page 9 Clos de L'Amandaie, Héritage Carignan Page 11 Domaine Begude, Pinot Noir Page 10 Domaine Du Grand Arc, Cuvée des Quarante Page 10 Domaine De Cazaban, Jours de Vigne Page 11 Mas d'Agamas, Nostre Mescladis Page 12 L'Estabel, Grande Cuvée Comtesse Rouge Page 8



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