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# Welcome to The Beautiful South

Welcome to our Beautiful South offer – celebrating the terroirs, climats and people that make the wine of southern France. It's a region we have championed since the very beginning of SVS as we believe that few wine regions anywhere in the world match the quality and value on offer.

Sitting down to write the list, I perused through our back catalogue of Beautiful South offers. Way back in 2003, we wrote that *"the majority of estates in this offer are small family-owned domaines, making complex, characterful wine for ageing from low-yielding, hillside vineyards"*.

I am delighted to say that nothing has changed. We still seek out independent growers who share our love of pure, terroir-driven wines. Indeed three of the growers in this offer – La Liquière (page 12), La Grave (page 13) and Fontanel (page 15) – also appeared in 2003.

What has changed over the last two decades is the importance of rosé – we barely mentioned it back then but give it a prime double-page spread this year as sales continue to boom. All your favourites are back and the 2024s are on top form – you can buy with confidence.

We have one brand new producer, Villa Tempora (page 11) that we discovered on our trip to Wine Paris in February plus new wines from L'Estabel, La Liquière, Fontanel, Mas de Brousses and Château Ferry Lacombe. Don't miss them.

In true Stone, Vine & Sun style the focus is very much on wines that are ready to drink now – although many will cellar superbly. The whites and rosés are from 2023 and 2024 – both ripe, fruit forward vintages – while many of the reds have that important extra year or two of bottle age to soften and round out the tannins. The 2020s and 2022s are looking especially smart.

We hope you enjoy browsing the wines – or, if you prefer, check out the mixed cases overleaf. We have put together nine selections all at a keen discount.

Santé!

Gareth Groves





## Sud de France Wines from Languedoc-Roussillon: Where creativity meets diversity



**PROVENCE** The place for rosé, which accounts for over 80% of the region's production, although there are some much improved whites too. Grenache and Cinsault are the key rosé grapes with Vermentino for whites.

**BANDOL** Posh rosé and robust Mediterranean reds, the latter based on Mourvèdre which is more at home here than anywhere else. The reds are aged for a minimum of 18 months in oak.

**GRES DE MONTPELLIER** A named 'Cru' within the Languedoc AOC. Mineral-rich soils with a reddish hue from deposits of iron oxide. Altitude is important here, the higher vineyards benefitting from cooler temperatures that preserve all important freshness in the wines.

**TERRASSES DU LARZAC** "The rising star of the Languedoc" according to the Oxford Companion for Wine. The Larzac plateau rises to some 1000m above sea level and benefits from extreme variations between daytime and nighttime temperatures. The iron-rich clays, known locally as ruffes, produce excellent Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre.

**PICPOUL DE PINET** The Beautiful South's only appellation exclusively for white wines. Just 1400ha of low lying, coastal vines all planted with the lemony-fresh, saline Picpoul grape.

**PÉZENAS** Another of the Languedoc AOC 'Crus'. Lower elevation than some of its neighbouring sub-regions with a mosaic of soils: clay-limestone, Villafranchian pebbles, schist, and basalt.

**CABRIÈRES** Once one of France's most-celebrated wine regions (back in the days of the sun-king Louis XIV), Cabrières with its alluvial and schistous soils is one of the best kept secrets in the south.

**FAUGÈRES** Schist soils are the bedrock here, the vertical planes of which are ideal for vine roots to grow through. The result is ripe, intense reds that retain a distinct elegance and freshness. The lesser-spotted whites can be superb too.

**LA CLAPE** Classic, coastal mountain terroir just to the south of Narbonne. The vines, planted on clay and limestone slopes, are heavily influenced by the sea. Garrigue-scented Grenache and Syrah dominate for reds.

**MINERVOIS** Cathar-country to the east of Carcassonne. Carignan has historically-dominated here but the red blends are seeing more Syrah and Grenache. The whites are much improved too – the former described as "increasingly aromatic and sophisticated" by the Oxford Companion for Wine.

**LIMOUX** Sparkling wines and great value still Chardonnay from the hills inland of Corbières. Mauzac is the local grape for fizz – often now in partnership with Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay.

**CORBIÈRES** The largest of the Languedoc AOC's with a wide range of soils and topography. Classic blends for reds – although Carignan must now play a minority role. Lots of fun whites made from interesting grapes.

**ROUSSILLON** Historically and culturally this is a Catalan, rather than Occitan, part of France. One of the country's sunniest and windiest regions, the vines grow on schist, limestone, gneiss, clay, and granite. The wines have seen a renaissance in recent years driven by a wave of younger winemakers. Look out for the excellent fortified wines too (see page 15).

# MIXED CASES

A great way to buy. All cases collated by the SVS team to show off the best of the Beautiful South. Lots of staff favourites here.

**All the cases have at least 12.5% discount.**

## Introduction to the Beautiful South - £137

*Lots of terrific value wines here - a mix of old favourites and new additions.*

**1 bottle of each of the following 12 wines**

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● La Combe Saint-Paul, Rolle, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2023	p.8
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● Château La Grave, Minervois Blanc, Expression, 2023	p.13
● Domaine du Grand Arc, Corbières Blanc, Veillee d'Equinoxe, 2023	p.14
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● La Combe Saint-Paul, Gres Rouges, La Clape, 2022	p.13
● Domaine Begude, Les Cerisiers, Pinot Noir, 2023	p.14

## Tour of the Beautiful South - £155

*A selection to show off the breadth and depth of the Beautiful South*

*- includes new wines from three of our favourite growers.*

**1 bottle of each of the following 12 wines**

● Laurens, Les Graiménous, Crémant de Limoux Brut, 2023	p.8
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● Château La Grave, Minervois, Tristan & Julien, 2021	p.13

## Summer Rosé Dozen - £130

*Four of our best-selling rosés in one easy-to-order case*

**3 bottles of each of the following 4 wines**

● Petit Pont, Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2024	p.7
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● Château La Grave, Minervois Rosé, Expression, 2023	p.7
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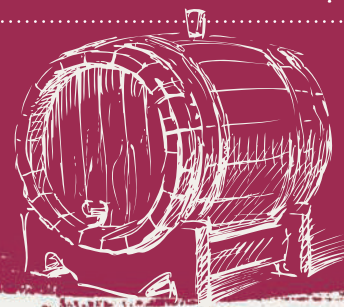
## Perfect Provence Pinks - £205

**3 bottles of each of the following 4 wines**

**Top-notch Provence rosés for sophisticated summer drinking**

● Château du Seuil, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé, 2024	p.6
● Château Ferry Lacombe, Naos, Côtes de Provence Rosé, 2024	p.6
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## Grand Vins of the South - £255

*Six of the very best wines from the South - showcases the best terroirs from Provence right across to Roussillon*

**2 bottles of each of the following 6 wines**

- Château de la Liquière, Faugères Blanc, Cuvée Cistus, 2022 .....p.12
- Château Ferry Lacombe, Equinoxe, Rosé, Cotes de Provence Sainte-Victoire, 2024 (NEW) .....p.6
- Domaine de la Ribotte, Bandol Rouge, 2020 .....p.9
- Mas des Brousses, Terrasses du Larzac, 2022 .....p.10
- La Combe Saint-Paul, L'Insoupçonné, La Clape, 2021 .....p.13
- Fontanel, Maury Sec, Arrels, 2022 .....p.15

## Southern Reds - £168

*Six staff favourite reds that are all drinking very well now - brilliant with Easter lamb or for summer entertaining*

**2 bottles of each of the following 6 wines**

- Clos de l'Amandaie, Heritage Carignan, IGP Vicomte D'Aumelas, 2022 .....p.9
- Mas d'Agamas, Terrasses du Larzac, Nostre Mescladis, 2021 .....p.10
- Fulcrand Cabanon, Cabrières Rouge, 2022 .....p.11
- Château de la Liquière, Faugères Rouge, 2022 .....p.12
- Domaine du Grand Arc, Corbières, Reserve Grand Arc, 2022 .....p.14
- Fontanel, Hominus Sapanius, IGP Côtes Catalanes, 2021 .....p.15

## Southern Whites - £160

*Languedoc whites are hugely under-rated, this case features some of the region's best grapes and terroirs*

**2 bottles of each of the following 6 wines**

- La Combe Saint-Paul, Viognier, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2024 .....p.8
- Mas des Brousses, Blanc, IGP Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, 2022 .....p.10
- Les Roches Saintes, Picpoul de Pinet, 2023 .....p.10
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- La Liquière, Faugères, Amandiers Blanc, 2024 .....p.12
- Domaine Begude, Etoile Chardonnay, Limoux, 2022 .....p.14

## New Wines Six - £100

*Six exciting new discoveries from our buying trip back in February*

**1 bottle of each of the following 6 wines**

- Ferry Lacombe, Haedus, Côtes de Provence Blanc, 2024 (NEW) .....p.9
- Château Ferry Lacombe, Equinoxe, Rosé, Cotes de Provence Sainte-Victoire, 2024 (NEW) .....p.6
- Mas des Brousses, Cléo, Terrasses de Larzac, 2022 (NEW) .....p.10
- L'Estabel, Le Grand Pan, Cabrières Rouge, 2022 (NEW) .....p.11
- La Liquière, Tutti Frutti Rouge, Vin de France 2024 (NEW) .....p.12
- Château de la Liquière, Tarrousel, Faugères Rouge, 2021 (NEW) .....p.12

## New: Villa Tempora Six (wines arriving late May) - £116 including free delivery

*The latest grower to join the SVS stable - very smart wines from Pézenas. Highly recommended.*

**2 bottles of each of the following 3 wines**

- Villa Tempora, Un Temps pour Elle Blanc, Vin de France, 2024 (NEW) .....p.11
- Villa Tempora, Pézenas, 2023 (NEW) .....p.11
- Villa Tempora, Le Demon du Midi, Pézenas, 2020 (NEW) .....p.11

# ROSÉ

Rosé continues to boom – our sales have never been higher and that reflects wider market trends. As soon as the sun comes out so does the pale pink wine – and more often than not the bottle will hail from the south of France.

Provence is the absolute benchmark for rosé and the envy of winemakers across the world who are increasingly trying to copy the style. The 2024s from Provence are all delicious, textbook rosés with gentle fruit and wonderful freshness. New for this year is Château Ferry Lacombe's Equinoxe cuvée which comes from Sainte-Victoire, one of the Côtes de Provence's finest terroirs with vines grown on the slopes of the Mont Sainte-Victoire made famous by Cezanne.

Outside of Provence, the Languedoc is the place to look for value. We are delighted that the new vintage of both La Combe Saint-Paul Les Amandiers and L'Estabel's Fulcrand Cabanon have both arrived. Both wines were best sellers last summer and we expect them to be just as popular this year.

Don't overlook the big formats too, we have magnums or double magnums available from three different growers. Perfect for any summer event that needs a bit of bling.

## Provence: Pale & Interesting

### Ferry Lacombe, Mystère Rosé, IGP Méditerranée, 2024

● Code: FLA524

Bottle: £13.25 | 6% off 6: £74.73 | 12% off 12: £139.92

One of our best sellers – made from vines just outside the Côtes de Provence AOC and thus terrific value. Grenache Noir, Grenache Blanc and Caladoc. Very pale with juicy strawberry and peach fruit. Very clean and fresh. 12.5% abv. Now-2026.

### La Chapelle du Seuil, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé, 2023

● Code: CPS423

Bottle: £15.75 | 6% off 6: £88.83 | 12% off 12: £166.32

Grenache with a little Syrah and Cinsault for complexity. Textbook Provence: pale, fresh and subtly fruity with watermelon and redcurrant notes. 12.5% abv. Drink this year – 2024 vintage will follow on soon. 🍷

### Château du Seuil, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé, 2024

● Code: SEU524

Bottle: £16.50 | 6% off 6: £93.06 | 12% off 12: £174.24

This turns up the dial on the Chapelle wine above – everything is just more focused and intense. Fragrant blossom and stone fruit to the fore. 12.5% abv. Now to 2026

### Château Ferry Lacombe, Naos, Côtes de Provence Rosé, 2024

● Code: CFL524

Bottle: £18.50 | 6% off 6: £104.34 | 12% off 12: £195.36

A real step up from this producer's Mystère cuvée – great concentration. Very aromatic with a hint of sherbety orange and a moreish, saline finish. 13.5% abv. Now-2026.

### Domaine de la Ribotte, Bandol Rosé, 2024

● Code: RIB524

Bottle: £20.95 | 6% off 6: £118.16 | 12% off 12: £221.23

Bandol rosé is increasingly sought after by drinkers in the know. Made from the characterful Mourvèdre grape, this is intense and bright with wild strawberry and pink grapefruit notes. Excels with summery, olive oil based foods. 13% abv. Now-2027.



### Château Léoube, Côtes de Provence Rosé, Léoube, 2024

● Code: LEO524B

Bottle: £22.50 | 6% off 6: £126.90 | 12% off 12: £237.60

Another very good vintage from the team at Léoube. Predominantly Grenache and Cinsault with a little Syrah and Mourvèdre. Crystalline red berry and citrus flavours. Very long and refreshing. 14% abv. Now-2026. 🍷

### Château Ferry Lacombe, Equinoxe, Rosé, Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire, 2024 (NEW)

● Code: CFL624

Bottle: £23.95 | 6% off 6: £135.08 | 12% off 12: £252.91

Sainte-Victoire is one of the top 'Crus' in the Côtes de Provence and this is very smart rosé which blew us away when we tasted it in Paris back in February. Hints of strawberry, cream and pastry. Very elegant with lots of energy. 13.5% abv. Now-2027

### Château Léoube, Côtes de Provence Rosé, Collector, 2022 (NEW)

● Code: LEO322

Bottle: £52.50 | 6% off 6: £296.10 | 12% off 12: £554.40

A new top rosé from Leoube. The fruit all comes from the La Londe sub-region where the vines look across the sea to the Golden Isles of Porquerolles, Port-Cros and Le Levant. It's a stunning location and stunning wine too – mineral and structured with long lees ageing enhancing the fruit. Serious and gastronomic. 14% abv. Now-2027. 🍷



## Languedoc Look-a-Likes

### Zou Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2024 (NEW)

● Code: ZOU124

**Bottle: £9.95 | 6% off 6: £56.12 | 12% off 12: £105.07**

We went hunting for new good value rosé at Wine Paris and were very pleased with this find. Pale and fruity, this is an easy-going summery wine packed with soft strawberry notes that punches above its weight. Just 11% abv too. Drink this year.

### Petit Pont, Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2024

● Code: PEP524

**Bottle: £11.25 | 6% off 6: £63.45 | 12% off 12: £118.80**

A real SVS stalwart - this is the best-selling rosé on our list. Made from Grenache and Cinsault, it is a true Provençal look-a-like, pale and crisp with subtle raspberry fruit. 12.5% abv. Now-2026.

### La Combe Saint-Paul, Amandiers Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2024

● Code: CSP524

**Bottle: £11.50 | 6% off 6: £64.86 | 12% off 12: £121.44**

Back by popular demand! Very attractive food-friendly rosé from Paul Maury's estate near Narbonne. Very versatile - enjoy with or without food. 12.5% abv. Now-2026.

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

● Code: GRV423

**Bottle: £13.25 | 6% off 6: £74.73 | 12% off 12: £139.92**

Syrah and Grenache blend. This is made by the saignée method - after pressing the grapes for the Tristan & Julien red (page 13), some of the juice is drained off after twelve hours skin-contact. The pale, fragrant run-off juice becomes this fab rosé whilst simultaneously helping to concentrate the flavours in the red. A win-win. 13% abv. Drink this year.

### Fulcrand Cabanon, Cabrières Rosé, 2024

● Code: FUL524

**Bottle: £13.50 | 6% off 6: £76.14 | 12% off 12: £142.56**

New to us last year, this sold like hot cakes. Cinsault-dominated, the 2024 vintage is quite serious for the price; very pale and dry with crisp, smashed red berry fruit. 13% abv. Now-2026.

## Size Matters Posh Pinks in Big Bottles

### Château du Seuil, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé, 2024 Magnum

● Code: SEU924

**Magnum: £34.95 | 6% off 3: £98.56 | 12% off 6: £184.54**

### Château Ferry Lacombe, Naos, Côtes de Provence Rosé, 2024 Magnum

● Code: CFL924

**Magnum: £39.95 | 6% off 3: £112.66 | 12% off 6: £210.94**

### Château Léoube, Côtes de Provence Rosé, Léoube, 2024, Magnum 🍷

● Code: LEO924

**Magnum: £49.50 | 6% off 3: £139.59 | 12% off 6: £261.36**

### Château du Seuil, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé, 2024 Double Magnum

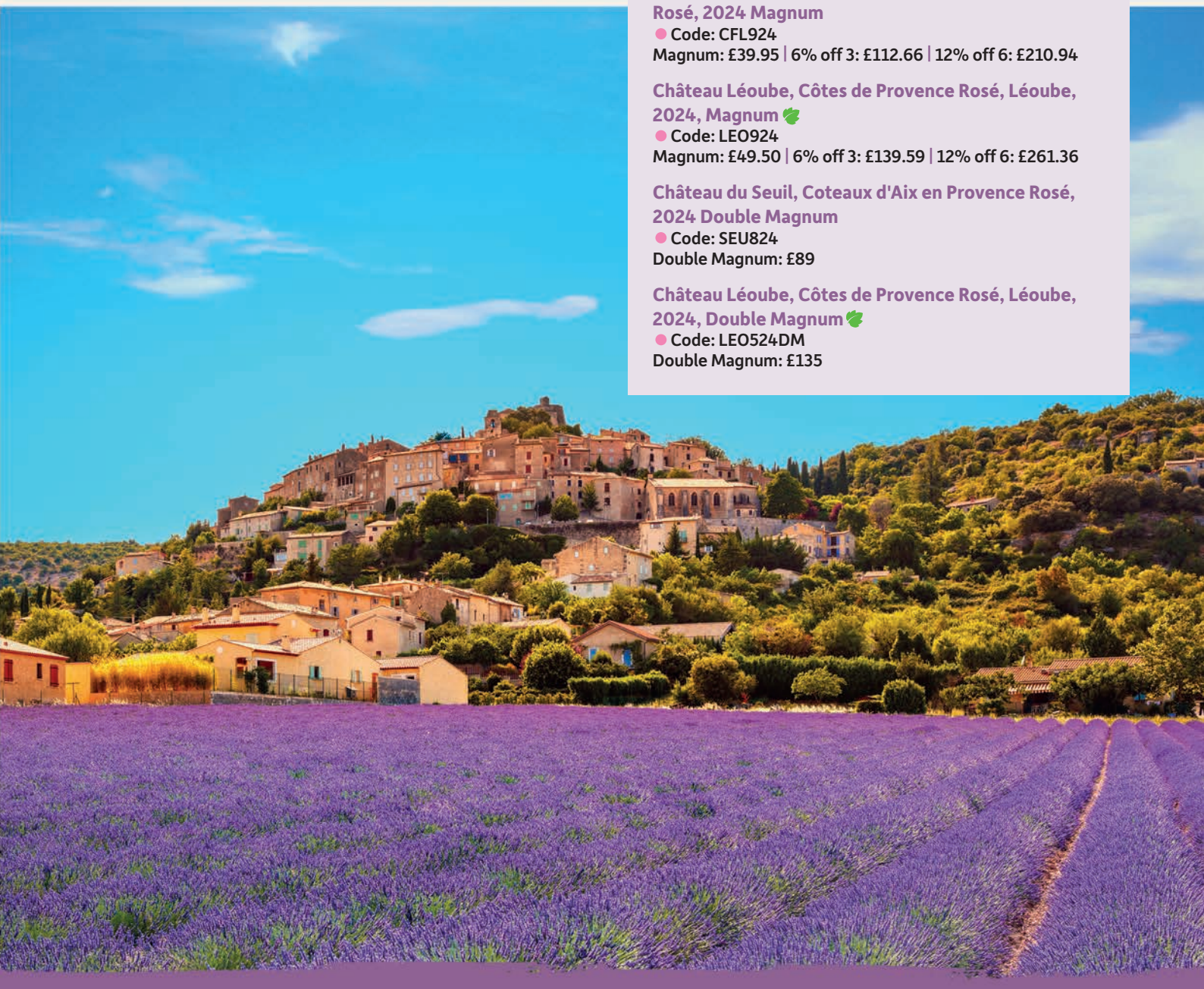
● Code: SEU824

**Double Magnum: £89**

### Château Léoube, Côtes de Provence Rosé, Léoube, 2024, Double Magnum 🍷

● Code: LEO524DM

**Double Magnum: £135**





# THE SPARKLING SOUTH

Limoux is *the* place for sparkling wines in the South. Benefitting from a cooler climate relatively high up in the foothills of the Pyrenees to the south of Carcassonne, the region uses the local Mauzac grape in conjunction with newer arrivals such as Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc to make excellent fizz.

The Mauzac-dominated Blanquette de Limoux is perhaps the most famous of the region's wines but sales of Crémant de Limoux are fast catching up as drinkers increasingly (and correctly) see Crémant as the best value alternative to Champagne.

## Laurens, Le Moulin, Blanquette de Limoux Brut, NV

● Code: LAU1NV

Bottle: £16.25 | 6% off 6: £91.65 | 12% off 12: £171.60

90% Mauzac and 10% Chardonnay, made in the traditional method with nine months lees ageing. Elegant and well-balanced with a soft mousse and textbook Blanquette flavours of green apple, almonds and white flowers. 12% abv. Drink this year whilst young and fresh.

## Laurens, Les Graimenous, Crémant de Limoux Brut, 2023

● Code: LAU323

Bottle: £17.50 | 6% off 6: £98.70 | 12% off 12: £184.80

Chardonnay and Chenin lead the blend here with smaller proportions of Pinot Noir and Mauzac. Lovely weight and freshness with crisp conference pear fruit and just a hint of breadiness. Very refined - and much better value than entry level Champagne. 12% abv. Now-2027.

## Pays d'Oc – Everyday whites and reds under £12.50

The familiar phrase 'Vin de Pays d'Oc' may no longer appear on labels – replaced nowadays by the less romantic IGP moniker (Indication Géographique Protégée), but the category still produces some smartly-priced wines that punch above their weight. This selection is perfect for everyday drinking – everything is less than £12.50 – and is a great place to stock up on 'House' wines.

### Petit Pont, Blanc, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2024

● Code: PEP124

Bottle: £10.95 | 6% off 6: £61.76 | 12% off 12: £115.63

Rolle and Chardonnay made by the Vic family near Beziers. Dry but fruity with crisp citrus and apple notes. A very good alternative to Sauvignon Blanc. 12.5% abv. Now-2026.

### La Combe Saint-Paul, Rolle, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2023

● Code: CSP223

Bottle: £11.50 | 6% off 6: £64.86 | 12% off 12: £121.44

One of our best-selling whites. Rolle (the grape formerly known as Vermentino) thrives on Paul Maury's estate near La Clape. Bone-dry but zingy with generous stone fruit. Lots of wine for the money. 12.5% abv. Now-2026.

### La Combe Saint-Paul, Viognier, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2024

● Code: CSP324

Bottle: £12.25 | 6% off 6: £69.09 | 12% off 12: £129.36

We are going big on this wine this summer. It's unmistakable Viognier - expressive and packed full of aromatic peach and apricot fruit - but it's light and effortlessly drinkable too. There's none of the heaviness that mars many examples of this grape. Just delicious. 12.5% abv. Now-2026.

### Les Pradelles, IGP Hérault, 2023

● Code: PRD123

Bottle: £9.75 | 6% off 6: £54.99 | 12% off 12: £102.96

Lots of southern French character at an attractive price. Made from Carignan and Grenache vines located near Saint-Chinian, it is soft and easy drinking with plum and blackberry fruit. 12.5% abv. Now-2026.



### Petit Pont, Rouge, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2023

● Code: PEP623

Bottle: £11.25 | 6% off 6: £63.45 | 12% off 12: £118.80

Generously fruited red based on Grenache with some Cinsault for fruit and Cabernet for structure. Smooth and approachable with subtle spice and just enough tannin. 12.5% abv. Now-2026.

### La Croisade, Pinot Noir, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2023

● Code: AGW723

Bottle: £11.50 | 6% off 6: £64.86 | 12% off 12: £121.44

Perfumed, pretty Pinot Noir that benefits from some of the fruit being picked from cool climate vineyards in Limoux. Lots of Pinot character with some richer dark chocolate notes adding complexity. 13% abv. Drink this year.

### Comtesse de Marion, Merlot, IGP d'Oc, 2023

● Code: VIC323

Bottle: £11.95 | 6% off 6: £67.40 | 12% off 12: £126.19

Damsons and plums to the fore here. Medium-bodied and well balance with the fruit aptly framed by the rounded tannins. 13.5% abv. Now-2026.



# EAST TO WEST – THE APPELLATIONS

This main section is a virtual, garrigue-infused road trip from Provence in the east through the finest sub-regions of the Languedoc, finishing up in Roussillon in the west. This is where you will find many of the classic names of the region such as Bandol, Minervois and Faugères alongside lesser known gems such as Terrasses de Larzac and Cabrières. Many of the growers featured are organic or biodynamic but, much more importantly all share our view that the wines must reflect their terroirs and have a genuine sense of place.

We've sourced nine new wines for this year including Ferry Lacombe's excellent Haedus Blanc for a brilliant summery white, La Liquière's Tutti Frutti red for a cool, fresh take on Faugères, and the fabulous trio from Villa Tempora which we are shipping for the first time.



## Provence, Bandol & Grés de Montpellier

### Château Ferry Lacombe, Provence

Located in the shadow of the Mont Sainte-Victoire, made famous by Cézanne's series of post-impressionist paintings, this family-owned domaine make some of our best-selling rosés (see page 6). This year we were so impressed by one of their white cuvees we just had to ship it.

**Ferry Lacombe, Haedus, Côtes de Provence Blanc, 2024 (NEW)**

● Code: CFL124

Bottle: £15.95 | 6% off 6: £89.96 | 12% off 12: £168.43

If you know and love the La Combe Saint-Paul Rolle (opposite), then this is well worth a look. A step up in concentration and depth, it has zesty lime and flat peach fruit kept in check by a taut mineral backbone. Long and impressive, it will be delicious with seafood. 13% abv. Now-2026.

### Domaine de la Ribotte, Bandol

Bandol is Mourvèdre country. A small, coastal appellation between Marseilles and Toulon it produces fashionable rosés (see page 6) and robust reds. Ribotte is a tiny domaine run by Bandol's first female winemaker, Laurence Desblaches, and her son Nicolas. Most of their production is still sold at a stall at Bandol's famous farmers' market and has been since the days of Nicolas's great-grandmother.

**Domaine de la Ribotte, Bandol Rouge, 2020**

● Code: RIB820

Bottle: £32.50 | 6% off 6: £183.30 | 12% off 12: £343.20

Mourvèdre par excellence. Savoury and spicy with deep, dark black fruit and robust tannins. Full-bodied and concentrated it positively demands food - a classic Provençal daube would be perfect. Ditto a charcoal-grilled bone-in ribeye. 14% abv. Now-2030.

### Clos de l'Amandaie, Grés de Montpellier

Moving westwards from Provence, Clos de l'Amandaie is located inland of Montpellier near Aumelas. Named after the many almond trees that surround the vineyards, it is a sixth generation family-run domaine that farms 30ha on the area's mineral-rich red soils. The wines are all organic and have a wonderful depth of fruit.

**Clos de l'Amandaie, AOP Languedoc, Amandaie Blanc, 2022**

● Code: CLA222

Bottle: £18.50 | 6% off 6: £104.34 | 12% off 12: £195.36

80% Grenache Blanc and 20% Roussanne aged on lees in concrete tanks. Aromatic and bright with a serious mineral undertow. Ripe but not heavy it will stand up to intensely sauced fish dishes. 14% abv. Now-2030. 🌱

**Clos de l'Amandaie, L'Héritage Carignan, IGP Vicomté d'Aumelas, 2022**

● Code: CLA122

Bottle: £16.75 | 6% off 6: £94.47 | 12% off 12: £176.88

Just seven producers farm vines in this tiny IGP. Old vine Carignan made with a short maceration to deliver a fresh, approachable style. Excellent with barbecued lamb chops and can be lightly chilled in summer too. 14% abv. Now-2030. 🌱

**Clos de l'Amandaie, Grés de Montpellier, 2019**

● Code: CLA319

Bottle: £18.50 | 6% off 6: £104.34 | 12% off 12: £195.36

At six years of age, this cuvée is now entering its prime. 33% each Grenache and Syrah with the rest Carignan and Cinsault. Only the Syrah sees any oak and the result is a deep, brooding red with hints of Niçoise olives and dried thyme overlaying wild bilberry fruit. 14.5% abv. Now-2029. 🌱

## Terrasses du Larzac, Pézenas & Cabrières

### Mas d'Agamas, Terrasses du Larzac

Andrew Jefford is on record as saying that the Terrasses du Larzac is home to some of "the finest vineyard land in the South of France." Vincent Visseq does a fine job of capturing the spirits of those vineyards in his Mas d'Agamas wines. It is now over fifteen years since he stopped selling his family's grapes to the local co-operatives and started bottling himself. Like so many independent vigneron in this part of the South, he works incredibly hard with everything done by hand. There are no oak barrels in the cellar here and that shows in the purity of the fruit on show.

#### Mas d'Agamas, Terrasses du Larzac, Nostre Mescladis, 2021

● Code: AGA321

Bottle: £17.50 | 6% off 6: £98.70 | 12% off 12: £184.80

'Nostre Mescladis' translates as 'our blend' and this is made from all the red grapes on Vincent's estate: Grenache, Carignan, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cinsault. Very pure, focused bramble fruit with no oak to distract it. Peppery and garrigue-infused on the finish. 14% abv. Now-2026.

### Mas des Brousses, Terrasses du Larzac

Geraldine Combes and her husband Xavier Peyraud are winemaking royalty, although you'd never know that by the friendly, humble greeting one receives whenever one meets them. Geraldine tends the vines that surround the village of Puéchabon (where her family have lived for 500 years) and Xavier oversees the winemaking. The star grape here is Mourvèdre, the cuttings of which came from Xavier's grandparent's home in Bandol, the world renowned Domaine Tempier. These are elegant, age-worthy wines that emphatically show that 'fine wine' does not exclusively come from the likes of Bordeaux or Burgundy.

#### Mas des Brousses, Blanc, IGP Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, 2022

● Code: MAB622

Bottle: £20.95 | 6% off 6: £118.16 | 12% off 12: £221.23

A blend of no less than eleven grapes this is one of the unsung heroes of our list. Ripe and forward with delicious orchard fruit notes it has added layers of complexity from the one-third that is fermented in oak plus a light touch of skin-contact that adds texture and a whisper of tannin. Unusual and very impressive. 12.5% abv. Now-2026.

#### Mas des Brousses, Chasseur des Brousses, IGP Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, 2023

● Code: MAB123

Bottle: £16.50 | 6% off 6: £93.06 | 12% off 12: £174.24

A distinctive blend of the family's 50 year old Merlot and the younger Tempier-sourced Mourvèdre. Uncomplicated - and we mean that as a compliment - it delivers lifted plum and blueberry fruit with some savoury tapenade notes too. Energetic and vital it goes very well with charcuterie. 14% abv. Now-2027.

#### Mas des Brousses, Cléo, Terrasses de Larzac, 2022 (NEW)

● Code: MAB323

Bottle: £19.50 | 6% off 6: £109.98 | 12% off 12: £205.92

"Incredible purity of squashed strawberries and red plum. Fresh acidity meets silky, fine tannins for a seductive finish. A wine that's flowing and elegant, combining concentration with a moreish and delectable charm. 94/100", **Decanter**, October 2024. 14% abv. Now-2028.

#### Mas des Brousses, Terrasses du Larzac, 2022

● Code: MAB222

Bottle: £24.95 | 6% off 6: £140.72 | 12% off 12: £263.47

An absolute gem of a wine. This quality from the Rhone or Bordeaux would be double the price. 50% Mourvèdre with equal parts Syrah and Grenache. Given 18 months in old barrels. Perfumed and lifted with layers of black fruit, olives and mountain herbs. Supple, unforced texture. Powerful without being heavy. Great now but will improve. 13.5% abv. Now-2030.

### Vignerons de Schist, Picpoul de Pinet

Well-priced Picpoul de Pinet is surprisingly hard to find these days. As global demand has risen so have prices. As such, we are very pleased to work with Gilles Canton whose vines are close enough to the Mediterranean to get the cooling influence, but just far enough away to be on superior agilo-calcaire soils rather than sand. It makes all the difference.

#### Les Roches Saintes, Picpoul de Pinet, 2023

● Code: LRS123

Bottle: £12.95 | 6% off 6: £73.04 | 12% off 12: £136.75

A Picpoul de Pinet straight out of Central Casting - grapefruit and lemon with a pinch of fleur de sel. Mid-weight and food-friendly, it ticks all the boxes. 13% abv. Drink this year.





## Villa Tempora, Pézenas (wines arriving in May)

Agathe Dalisson, from Bordeaux, and Amaury Coste, from Burgundy, met in Kabul whilst both were working in the humanitarian sector. Fast-forward a few years, married with children, they decided to settle in Pézenas, one of the Languedoc's designated 'Crus'. They farm just under 10ha of vines on volcanic soils surrounding the villages of Caux and Gabian and produce elegant, fresh wines with lift and balance. All the wines are organic and everything here is managed to ensure minimal impact to the environment. New to SVS for this year, all three wines come highly recommended and will arrive in May as the 2024 white is being bottled just before Easter. Check out the mixed case on page 3 for an easy way to try all three.

### Villa Tempora, Un Temps pour Elle Blanc, Vin de France, 2024 (NEW)

● Code: TMP124

Bottle: £23.50 | 6% off 6: £132.54 | 12% off 12: £248.16

A stunning white made from Bourboulenc, Terret and Carignan Blanc aged in a mix of clay amphora and large, old casks. Textured and bright with deep apricot and white peach fruit. Ripe and textured with the merest splash of cream. Made in tiny quantities - only ten cases are coming to the UK this vintage. Don't miss out. 13% abv. Now-2027. 🍷

### Villa Tempora, Pézenas, 2023 (NEW)

● Code: TMP223

Bottle: £19.50 | 6% off 6: £109.98 | 12% off 12: £205.92

The "estate" wine - not the top cuvee but the one Agathe and Amaury believe represents the essence of their terroir. Just 12.5% alcohol which gives the wine an elegance and freshness that we love. Whole bunches of 80 year-old Carignan and Grenache aged in cuve. Very pure with aromatic raspberry and plum fruit. Focused, mineral finish. Excellent summer drinking. 12.5% abv. Now-2028. 🍷

### Villa Tempora, Le Demon du Midi, Pézenas, 2020 (NEW)

● Code: TMP320

Bottle: £23.50 | 6% off 6: £132.54 | 12% off 12: £248.16

A very smart wine from the top 2020 vintage. 70% Syrah and 30% Grenache from basalt soils, aged in amphora and demi-muid. Pretty fruits-of-the-forest nose with wild thyme, warm earth and spice on the palate. Full-bodied and full-flavoured yet light on its feet. 14.5% abv. Now-2028. 🍷

## L'Estabel, Cabrières

This is the third vintage we have shipped from L'Estabel and the wines keep getting better and better. The first co-operative ever to have been named a Vigneron de l'Année by the influential French wine guide the Guide Hachette, the cellar produces exceptional value wines from Cabrières' precious schist soils. The Fulcrand Cabanon range - named after the priest who introduced the wines of Cabrières to Louis XIV - once again over deliver for the price and we've also added a new red: Le Grand Pan which we found being poured by the glass in one of our favourite Parisien bistros.

### L'Estabel, Languedoc Blanc, Grande Cuvée Comtesse, 2024

● Code: LES124

Bottle: £11.95 | 6% off 6: £67.40 | 12% off 12: £126.10

Another winner from the team at L'Estabel - this blends Grenache Blanc, Bourboulenc, Clairette and Rolle with un petit peu Viognier and Terret. Zippy and refreshing with juicy pear and nectarine notes. Perfect garden drinking. 12.5% abv. Now-2026.

Photo credit: Leif Carlsson



### Fulcrand Cabanon, Clairette de Languedoc, 2023

● Code: FUL123

Bottle: £13.50 | 6% off 6: £76.14 | 12% off 12: £142.56

100% Clairette. "Lemon and thyme on the nose and whistling with intensity on the palate. Acidity vibrating like harp strings. Acacia blossom, Amalfi lemon, wonderfully fragrant herbs and then something a little buttery but lightly bitter, like cold salted butter flecked with lemon zest. Distinct character. A great summer wine - I can just imagine having this with fish and chips at the seaside, somehow. GV. 16.5/20", Tamlyn Currin, [jancisrobinson.com](https://jancisrobinson.com), 28th June 2024. 13% abv. Drink this year.

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

● Code: LES622

Bottle: £11.95 | 6% off 6: £67.40 | 12% off 12: £126.19

Supple and fruity but, very importantly, not too soft. Hints of myrtilles and wild blackberries. Very democratic, this is a crowd pleaser that will go down well at summer parties and barbecues. 14% abv. Drink this year to enjoy the juicy fruit at its best.

### Fulcrand Cabanon, Cabrières Rouge, 2022

● Code: FUL622

Bottle: £13.95 | 6% off 6: £78.68 | 12% off 12: £147.31

"Smells of cherries dipped in chocolate and rolled in tobacco leaves. Redolent with red fruit and roasted sage, the dry, tea-leaf-astringent tannins dusted with cocoa powder. A little rustic, but delightfully so. Very true to its origins. GV. 16.5/20", Tamlyn Currin, [jancisrobinson.com](https://jancisrobinson.com), 28th June 2024. 14% abv. Now-2026.

### L'Estabel, Le Grand Pan, Cabrières Rouge, 2022 (NEW)

● Code: LES822

Bottle: £14.50 | 6% off 6: £81.78 | 12% off 12: £153.12

60% Syrah and 30% Grenache with small doses of Carignan, Mourvèdre and Cinsault completing the blend. Fun and forward with warm baked red fruits, sweet spice and rounded, dry tannins on the finish. A step up in seriousness from the Fulcrand, it will stand up well to some slow braised lamb shanks. 14% abv. Now-2028. 🍷





## Faugères, La Clape & Minervois

### Château de la Liquière, Faugères

La Liquière is one of the largest growers we work with in the south of France and proof that boutique producers are not the only source of exceptional wine. François Vidal is the man in charge today but the estate was founded by his grandfather who was instrumental in Faugères becoming an appellation back in 1982. One of the benefits of farming 60ha is that the family offer a wide range of wines from everyday drinkers to serious wines for the cellar.

#### La Liquière, Faugères, Amandiers Blanc, 2024

● Code: LIQ624

**Bottle: £15.95 | 6% off 6: £89.96 | 12% off 12: £168.43**

Energetic blend of Grenache Blanc, Roussanne, Bourboulenc, Clairette and Rolle. Fun and fruity with apricots and citrus restrained by a distinctive mineral note. A big customer favourite - and deservedly so. 13.5% abv. Now-2027. 🍷

#### Château de la Liquière, Faugères Blanc, Cuvée Cistus, 2022

● Code: LIQ722

**Bottle: £20.95 | 6% off 6: £118.16 | 12% off 12: £221.23**

Roussanne with Grenache Blanc and Rolle, with a small proportion aged in barriques. Full-bodied yet restrained, it balances creamy, honeyed fruit with a taut citrus core. Serious and capable of ageing. 13.5% abv. Now-2027. 🍷

#### La Liquière, Tutti Frutti Rouge, Vin de France 2024 (NEW)

● Code: TUT124

**Bottle: £12.95 | 6% off 6: £73.04 | 12% off 12: £136.75**

60% Cinsault, 20% Syrah, and 20% Grenache. The vines are all from AOC Faugères but declassified to VDF to match the fun, modern packaging. The wine is delicious too. Young, pure and primary with crunchy black fruit - try it lightly chilled in summer. 13% abv. Now-2026. 🍷

#### La Liquière, Faugères Rouge, Les Amandiers, 2023

● Code: LIQ223

**Bottle: £15.95 | 6% off 6: £89.96 | 12% off 12: £168.43**

Great value as always. Lifted, damson and bramble nose. Fruity attack with ample ripe tannin and drier, more savoury notes on the finish. Toulouse sausages and puy lentils would marry up perfectly. 13.5% abv. Now-2026. 🍷

#### Château de la Liquière, Faugères Rouge, 2022

● Code: LIQ422

**Bottle: £17.50 | 6% off 6: £98.70 | 12% off 12: £184.80**

Carignan, Grenache and Syrah aged in tank. Powerful and ripe with deep, savoury fruit alongside hints of rosemary and cocoa. Supple tannins and a lifted freshness complete the picture. 13.5% abv. Now-2027. 🍷

#### Château de la Liquière, Tarrousel, Faugères Rouge, 2021 (NEW)

● Code: LIQ821

**Bottle: £27.50 | 6% off 6: £155.10 | 12% off 12: £290.40**

We always taste the full range of François's top cuvées and choose the best one for this offer. Tarrousel was a unanimous choice this year. Based on unoaked 80 year old Grenache, it has generous candied red fruit. Long and bright with pink peppercorn spice and a hint of umami. Fabulous. 14.5% abv. Now-2031. 🍷



## La Combe Saint-Paul, La Clape

Any tasting with Paul Maury will buzz with energy and creativity. Young, talented and excitable, he inherited his grandparents' vines adding a parcel of La Clape a few years later. In conjunction with his wife Line, he produces a range of excellent value single varietal IGP wines – see page 8 for those – but these are his gems. La Clape – which roughly translates from the Occitan as a 'heap of pebbles' – has a perfect viticultural mix of stony soils, cooling maritime influence and plentiful wind. Add in Paul's gentle hand in the cellar and the results are classic Languedoc wines with bags of character.

### Coruscant, Chardonnay, Vin de France, 2023 (NEW)

● Code: COR123

Bottle: £12.95 | 6% off 6: £73.04 | 12% off 12: £136.75

We shipped this for the first time back in January and it has gone down very well. Classic, lightly-oaked Chardonnay, it has juicy red apple and lemon fruit, a hint of crème fraîche. With prices of Mâcon Chardonnay edging ever upwards, this is a very good buy. 13% abv. Now-2026.

### La Combe Saint-Paul, Calcaires d'Escerune, 2023

● Code: CSP423

Bottle: £12.95 | 6% off 6: £73.04 | 12% off 12: £136.75

50-50 Rolle and Roussanne – an unusual but excellent combination. The grapes are picked five days apart and co-fermented – Paul is convinced that this produces a result far superior to fermenting separately and then blending before bottling. Fruity and ripe with lovely weight and a long, citrus finish. Terrific value. 12.5% abv. Now-2027.

### La Combe Saint-Paul, Grés Rouges, La Clape, 2022

● Code: CSP622

Bottle: £14.25 | 6% off 6: £80.37 | 12% off 12: £150.48

Three-quarters Syrah with Grenache and Mourvèdre playing a supporting role. Warming, spicy red with mulberry and black cherry fruit. Very fine tannins with herbes de Provence on the finish. 14% abv. Now-2027.



### Villa Orae, Sillons, La Clape, 2020

● Code: ORA120

Bottle: £18.50 | 6% off 6: £104.34 | 12% off 12: £195.36

Glossier and more immediately seductive than the Grés Rouge, this is a very fine expression of La Clape from a top vintage. "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](http://jancisrobinson.com), May 2023. 14% abv. Now-2028.

### La Combe Saint-Paul, L'Insoupçonné, La Clape, 2021

● Code: CSP721

Bottle: £21.95 | 6% off 6: £123.80 | 12% off 12: £231.79

This is the Maury's top red and it delivers a lot of wine for the price. Concentrated and ripe with bitter chocolate notes covering tea-soaked fruit. Christmas spice on the finish. 14.5% abv. Now-2029.

## Château La Grave, Minervois

Minervois is one of the most dependable appellations in the south. The wines typically have warmth, fruit and a welcome rusticity that makes them perfect with robust French country cooking. Jean-Pierre Orosquette and his family at La Grave have been bottling their own wines for over fifty years and SVS customers have been happily buying them for over twenty. We featured the Tristan & Julien cuvée in our original 2003 Beautiful South offer. At the time the cuvée was named after Jean-Pierre's young sons. They are not so young nowadays – and it was a delight to taste with a now fully matured Julien when we caught up with the family at Wine Paris back in February!

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

● Code: GRV623

Bottle: £13.95 | 6% off 6: £78.68 | 12% off 12: £147.31

Macabeu, Rolle and Marsanne. Dry but no shortage of sherbet of lemon and peach fruit with an attractive herbal note underneath. Very good value. 13% abv. Drink this summer.

### Château La Grave, Minervois, Tristan & Julien, 2021

● Code: GRV121

Bottle: £12.95 | 6% off 6: £73.04 | 12% off 12: £136.75

Equal parts Syrah and Grenache aged in tank. A classic Minervois red that we have been buying for over two decades. It's never too dry nor too fruity but always has a delightful earthy rusticity that matches hearty home cooking. 13% abv. Now-2026.



## Limoux, Corbières & Roussillon



### Domaine Begude, Limoux

James Kingslake's Domaine Begude is another producer that we have been shipping for well over a decade. Located up in the hills of Limoux, not far from the famous citadel in Carcassonne, the focus here is on Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The former has long been a mainstay of Limoux's best whites and the region has a justified reputation for producing some of France's best value Chardonnays. Pinot Noir is definitely an interloper but it works very well here producing fruity, generous wines that maintain a high degree of pinosity.

#### Domaine Begude, Etoile Chardonnay, Limoux, 2022

● Code: BEG222

Bottle: £15.95 | 6% off 6: £89.96 | 12% off 12: £168.43

Very smart barrel-fermented Chardonnay from low yielding vines. James uses large 500ml demi-muids, half of which are new. Buttery peach and lemon notes with great texture and a long finish. 13.5% abv. Now-2028. 🍷

#### Domaine Begude, Les Cerisiers, Pinot Noir, 2023

● Code: BEG623

Bottle: £15.75 | 6% off 6: £88.83 | 12% off 12: £166.32

Les Cerisiers = the cherry trees and there is a distinct cherry edge to the nose and palate here. Pure and focused - just 10% of the assemblage is aged in old oak. Rounded and smooth. 13% abv. Now-2027. 🍷

### Domaine du Grand Arc, Corbières

Bruno and Nicolas Schenk's Domaine du Grand Arc has been a mainstay of our Languedoc range for more vintages than we care to remember. The vines lie on classic argilo-calcaire soils, with some sandstone, around Cucugnan, in a valley of the Massif des Corbières in the south of the appellation, overlooked by the amazing hill-top Cathar castles of Quéribus and Peyrepertuse. The isolation and elevation sets it apart from the rest of Corbières and if there were more than three estates in the valley, it might warrant its own appellation.

#### Domaine du Grand Arc, Corbières Blanc, Veillée d'Equinoxe, 2023

● Code: DGA623

Bottle: £14.25 | 6% off 6: £80.37 | 12% off 12: £150.48

40% Grenache Blanc, 25% Rolle, 25% Roussanne and 10% Macabeu. Very aromatic with red apple, stone fruit and acacia notes. Long, bright finish. Very good value for money. 13% abv. Now-2027. 🍷

#### Domaine du Grand Arc, Corbières, Reserve Grand Arc, 2022

● Code: DGA222

Bottle: £14.50 | 6% off 6: £81.78 | 12% off 12: £153.12

A blend of 50% Carignan, 35% Grenache Noir and 15% Mourvèdre. Aged in barrel, 20% new. Dense and full-flavoured, this delivers plenty of wine for the money and will keep well if you have the patience. Dark fruit and hints of the wild herbs tinged with oak. Impressive concentration. 14% abv. Now-2028. 🍷

#### Domaine du Grand Arc, Corbières, Cuvée des Quarante, 2022

● Code: DGA321

Bottle: £15.95 | 6% off 6: £89.96 | 12% off 12: £168.43

Deeply coloured, properly extracted red, burly but also light-footed: the dense, brambly fruit is leavened by spicy and heady aromatics. Drink with a daube of beef or venison. Will keep very well. 14.5% abv. Now-2029. 🍷







## Domaine Fontanel, Roussillon

Our virtual road trip ends in the shadow of the Pyrenees. We have been shipping Fontanel's wines since the very early days of SVS and even continued when Pierre Fontanel sold the domaine to Elodie and Mathieu Collet in 2017. Elodie and Mathieu have trod a fine line between slowly modernising the domaine whilst keeping the spirit and character of the wines. The area is one of the hottest and driest in France and produces powerful but balanced wines with a distinct mineral edge. The latest vintages continue the trend to seek more freshness and lift whilst remaining quintessentially Roussillon.

### Fontanel, Amae, Côtes Catalanes Blanc, 2023

● Code: FON723

Bottle: £21.95 | 6% off 6: £123.80 | 12% off 12: £231.79

'Amae' represents Mathieu and Elodie's initials along with those of their two young children. Grenache Blanc and Roussanne in an almost Burgundian style, with the Roussanne portion aged in new barrels. Full-bodied, nutty and intense with a creamy edge from the battonage. Silky smooth finish. Excellent. Meursault-lovers should tuck in. 13% abv. Now-2028.

### Fontanel, Hominus Sapanius, IGP Côtes Catalanes, 2021

● Code: FON421

Bottle: £15.95 | 6% off 6: £89.96 | 12% off 12: £168.43

60% Syrah, 30% Grenache, 10% Syrah. Juicy, pure blackberry fruit galore, all framed by ripe, fine tannins. A brilliant expression of early-drinking Roussillon terroir that would be superb with barbecued food. 14% abv. Now-2027.

### Fontanel, Maury Sec, Arrels, 2022

● Code: FON522

Bottle: £22.25 | 6% off 6: £125.49 | 12% off 12: £234.96

Maury is much more famous for its fortified sweet wines (see below) but makes wonderful dry wines too. This is a big wine made from 70% Grenache and 30% Mourvèdre with no oak influence. Deep, inviting nose with lots of morello cherry. Full-bodied and intense with lots of vigour and life. Fantastic but not for the faint hearted. 14.5% abv. Now-2031.

### Fontanel, Cistes, Côtes du Roussillon Villages Tautavel, 2021

● Code: FON221

Bottle: £22.50 | 6% off 6: £126.90 | 12% off 12: £237.60

Cistes takes its name from the rock rose that grows around the vineyards. 60% Syrah and 40% Grenache from Tautavel. Firm and chewy with perfumed, floral fruit and lots of energy. The oak is present but never dominates. Impressive. 14.5% abv. Now-2031.

## Fantastic Fortifieds: Unique wines from Roussillon

Elodie and Mathieu Collet at Domaine Fontanel (see left) continue the Roussillon tradition of making – and cellaring – fortified wines. These are unique wines that offer a sense of history as well as place. A must for the curious as well as the connoisseurs.

### Fontanel, Rancio Sec, 2018 (dry) (NEW)

● Code: FON818

Bottle: £29.95 | 6% off 6: £168.92 | 12% off 12: £316.27

A stunning, rare-as-hens'-teeth, deliberately oxidised fortified, dry wine. Soft, golden colour with apricot fruit and spiced nutty fruit - 'rancio' refers to the complex flavours that develop with the long ageing in glass demijohns. Usefully, once open it will keep indefinitely in the fridge too - just pour a small glass as an aperitif whenever needed. 18% abv. Now-2030.

### Fontanel, Rivesaltes Ambré, 2015 (sweet)

● Code: FON915

Bottle: £24.95 | 6% off 6: £140.72 | 12% off 12: £263.47

Ambré = Amber. The colour comes from ageing this fortified white in barrel for many years (the appellation rules demand at least five years). "Gleaming amber colour. Intense, attention-grabbing aroma of bitter-orange marmalade and dried apricots, caramelised nuts, even barley sugar (a very British hard candy). Butterscotch flavours made less sweet by that bitter orange freshness and even more intense dried fruits and candied peel. Sweet, powerful and yet perfectly harmonious, the 16% alcohol completely integrated. VGV and perfect for the end of a festive meal or for slow sipping at the end of a lazy evening. Beautiful wine and a real bargain. 17/20, Drink 2022-2030". Julia Harding MW, [jancisrobinson.com](https://www.jancisrobinson.com), 1 November 2024. 16% abv. Now-2030.

### Fontanel, Maury Grenat, 2021 (sweet)

● Code: FON621

Bottle: £23.95 | 6% off 6: £135.08 | 12% off 12: £252.91

"Vintage Port with a southern French accent." Made from a single parcel of 70 year-old Grenache vines, aged in barrel for 18 months, it retains its sweetness by the addition of grape spirit arresting fermentation. Glossy cherry and blackcurrant fruit with hints of Agen prunes. Softer and smoother than actual Port, it is one of the few wines in the world that goes brilliantly with chocolate. 17% abv. Now-2029.

## Magnums!

We always snap up magnums when offered by our growers. Here's our current selection of "Big is Beautiful (South)" wines.

### Château de la Liquière, Faugères Blanc, Cuvée Cistus, 2023 Magnum 🍷

● Code: LIQ923

Magnum: £47.00 | 6% off 3: £132.54 | 12% off 6: £248.16

### Mas des Brousses, Chasseur des Brousses, IGP Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, 2023, Magnum

● Code: MAB823

Magnum: £37.95 | 6% off 3: £107.02 | 12% off 6: £200.38

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