

Languedoc - Roussillon

Region : Languedoc Roussilon

Location within Country : South-Central

Department(s): Pyrennes-Orientale, Herault, Bouches de Rhone

Major Climatic Factors : Quite warm Maritime influence from the south

Mountains, Rivers, etc. : Mistral wind brings cool dry air from the North and the Marin brings warm dry air from the Sea

Soil Types : Varied, Schist, Limestone, Garrigue, etc

Major Cities : Nantes, Angers, Tours, Orleans, Sancerre

Important Varietals : Grenache (Noir, Gris and Blanc), Syrah, Carignan, Cinsaut, Bourboulenc, Marsanne, Clairette, Mauzac

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Costieres de Nimes AC

Min 11%abv Max. yield: 60hl/ha

Reds

Max 40% each Carignan and Cinsaut, min 25% Grenache and min 20% cobined or solo Mourvèdre and Syrah

Whites

Grenache, Bourboulenc, Macabeo, Roussanne, Vermentino and Marsanne; plus max 10% Viognier, Clairette, Muscat, Picpoul and Terret

Rosé

Min 50% Grenache, Llanoder Pelut, Mourvèdre and Syrah; max 20% Carignan and max 10% Bourboulenc, Grenache Blanc, Macabeo, Marsanne, Roussanne and Vermentino; plus max 10% Clairette, Muscat, Picpoul and Terret

Clairette de Bellgrade AC

White only - 100% Clairette

Min 11% abv

Max. yield: 60hl/ha

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Cabardes AC

Red and Rosé

Min 40% Cab Franc, Cab Sauv, Grenache, Syrah and Merlot, max 20% Fer, Malbec and Cinsaut

Min 11.5% abv

Côtes de la Malpere AC

Min 11% abv

Reds

Min 50% Merlot, min 20% Cab Franc and Malbec; max 30% Cab Sauv, Cinsaut, Grenache and Llanoder Pelut

Rosé

Min 70% Cab Franc, Cinsaut and Grenache; optional Cab Sauv, Malbec and Syrah

Limoux AC

Red

Min 12% abv

Min 50% Merlot, min 30% Grenache, Malbec and Syrah, max 10% Carignan until 2010

Must be a blend of three grapes with no exceed ing 90% of the blend

White

Min 11% abv

Must contain min 15% Mauzac; may appear as a varietal Chard or Chenin (UE law only requires 85%)

Cremant de Limoux AC

Max 60% Chardonnay and Chenin, min 20% Chenin; plus max 20% Mauzac and Pinot Noir (max 10%)

Blanquette de Limoux AC

Sparkling wines made from min 90% Mauzac (aka Blanquette) with Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc

Blanquette Methode Ancestrale AC

Min 10% abv

Uses Methode Ancestrale or Methode Rurale. an oft cloudy wine that undergoes secondary in bottle with

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