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THE WINE TOURIST'S GUIDE VIGNOBLES & DÉCOUVERTES EN LIMOUXIN

## HISTORIC & LEGENDARY VINEYARD

LIMOUX

Situated between 250 and 500 metres above sea level, the Limouxin wine region sits in a fabulous and unspoilt natural setting, made famous thanks to the dedication of its winegrowers and winemakers, a majority of whom have now embraced organic or sustainable agriculture.

The region is recognised as the origin of sparkling wines, highlighted by a document dating from 1544 mentioning the "Blanquette de Limoux".

The Limoux wine region encompasses 7000 hectares of vineyards and 30 000 hectares of forest.

The wide range of both sparkling and still wine "appellations" found here is a compliment to the ability and expertise of the producers.

An average of 90,000 hectolitres of wine a year are produced under the "AOP Limoux" (Protected designation of origin) label, 80% of which are sparkling, and 20% still.

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## THE WINE REGION OF LIMOUX

#### The first sparkling wine

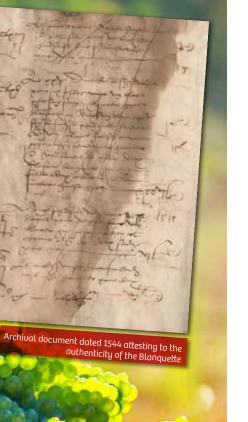
The "Blanquette de Limoux" has its origin during the middle ages, in the cellars of the Benedictine Abbey of St. Hilaire, when in 1544 the abbey monks discovered that the wine that they carefully bottled and corked started producing bubbles, as if starting a new cycle of fermentation.

Hence the world's first sparkling wine was born in the Limoux wine region, in the magnificent abbey whose vertical walls of naturally earth toned stones complement the perfect geometry of the horizontal rows in the surrounding vineyards.

## The first AOC of the Languedoc region

Designated in 1929, the Limoux wine region was the first in the Languedoc to receive the AOC label (Controlled designation of origin). The "Blanquette de Limoux" and the "Blanquette Méthode Ancestrale" (decree of the 18th February 1938) were among the first such designations in the whole of France.

- AOC Blanquette 1938
- AOC Méthode ancestrale 1938
- AOC white 1959
- AOC Crémant 1990
- AOC red 2004



## THE LIMOUX "TERROIRS"

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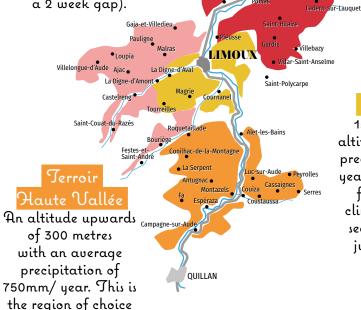
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#### Terroir Océanique

200 to 300 metres in altitude with an average precipitation of 780mm/ year. Later maturity than the Méditerranéen and Autan regions (about a 2 week gap).

for chardonnay and





#### Terroir Méditerranéen 100 to 200 metres

in altitude with an average precipitation of 650mm/year. This region produces the first harvests.

#### Terroir d'Autan

150 to 200 metres in altitude with an average precipitation of 570mm/ year. The region benefits from a hot and dry climate which places it second for harvesting, just after the Terroir Méditerranéen.

merlot vines. **Canscaped Vineyards** These four territories were the subject of a study carried out at the request of the "Syndicate du Cru" titled "Landscaped Vineyards". Following its publication the towns and villages of the Limoux region have planted: **Yellow roses in the vineyards of the "Terroir d'Autan" Red roses in the "Terroir Méditerranéen" Pink roses in the "Terroir Océanique" Orange roses in the "Terroir Haute Vallée"** 

## **THE GRAPES**

#### White

#### Chardonnay

This grape variety has the potential to produce high quality dry white, sparkling and even some sweet wines. The grapes may contain high levels of sugar while still maintaining a significant level of acidity. This enables the production of particularly well balanced, powerful and ample wines. The aromas are typically complex and intense: dried fruit, grilled hazelnuts, exotic fruits, butter, ...

#### Chenin

Depending on the growing and soil conditions (limestone or slate soil), this grape can also be used for sparkling, dry or sweet wines. The acidity levels can be significant, and the resulting products are potentially elegant, generally quite lively, nervous, with honey aromas.

#### Mauzac

This varietal is the "trademark" grape of the Limoux AOP (it can only be found here and in the region around Gaillac). It is the basic grape for the AOP Limoux Blanquette de Limoux, and AOP Limoux Méthode Ancestrale. The dominant aromas being, in general, apple, pear, quince and honey.

#### Red

#### Pinot noir

A varietal which requires higher temperatures as well as a certain chill. It has adapted well to the Limouxin region where it acts as a base in such wines as the AOP Crémant de Limoux, both white as well as rosé. It is also used for red wines, yielding high quality wines combining finesse, strength, and intense and complex aromas. Pinot Noir is the dominant grape of the IGP (Indication Géographique Protégée) Haute Vallée de l'Aude.

#### Merlot

A Bordelais varietal, Merlot is the major grape in the blending of the AOP Limoux Red. The grape clusters are small or medium in size, and the berries medium sized. Black Merlot produces round, powerful wines, rich in alcohol and colour, relatively low in acidity. The full-bodied, structured wines these grapes produce, with soft tannins, are ideal for ageing in wood barrels. The aromas are complex and elegant.

#### Syrah

Syrah grapes produce red wines with a high alcoholic strength, suited for ageing and large quantities. These wines often have an intense bluish colour, very aromatic, fine and complex (violet, olive, leather, ...), tannic, full bodied and relatively low in acidity.

#### Côt or Malbec

With well-managed production, this early varietal produces well coloured wines that are perfumed and tannic, suitable for ageing.

## Cabernet franc

Native to the South-West, this varietal serves as a supplementary grape for the AOP Limoux Red. The clusters are medium sized and the berries are small. It can produce high quality, aromatic wines, but the levels of sugars, acids and polyphenols (providing the colour intensity and tannin structure) are average, which means that the resulting wines are fragile during maturation.

#### Cabernet Sauvignon

The Cabernet Sauvignon Noir gives wines that possess a very intriguing tannic structure and sustained colour with good maturity. Generally well suited for ageing, including barrel ageing. The "green" aromas of this varietal give way to more pleasant and complex aromas once maturity has been reached.

#### Grenache noir

The potential level of sugar in this varietal is very high but the colour rapidly decreases as yields increase. The acidity is generally quite low. The Grenache noir produces very finely structured and aromatic "vins de garde", under the condition that it is cultivated on quality soil, where the yield is perfectly controlled, resulting in a wine with good colour.

## THE SPARKLING WINES

#### AOP Limoux

#### Blanquette de Limoux

A complex, subtle, but very controlled method is needed for this appellation, the so-called "traditional method". During the pressing of the grapes, the first juices drawn, clear and pure, are used to produce what are called the "Tête de Cuvée" wines.

The various grape varieties which form the finished wine are then fermented separately before being blended and bottled to form the various "cuvées" of the different vineyards. This is the process where the style and quality of the finished wine is created. To provoke a second fermentation in the bottle, a 'tirage' liqueur is added and the creation of the bubbles starts. The bottles must then be stored, for at least nine months.

The sediment produced in this operation is brought gradually towards the neck of the bottle by gentle turning and tipping, a manoeuvre carried out daily. Then the neck of the bottle is frozen and the trapped sediment expelled. Before the wines are finally corked, a liqueur (called the 'liqueur d'expédition) is added to finalise the character of each wine as brut, sec or demi-sec.

## AOP Limoux

#### Méthode ancestrale

The fermentation process of the "Blanquette Méthode Ancestrale" is entirely natural and only partial. The only variables are the sugar in the Mauzac grapes when harvested, and the

weather. The process is stopped by filtration and cooling in order to preserve some of the residual sugars. The must ferments until the alcohol content in the wine reaches 5 to 6%. The wine is then bottled in March with the old or waning moon and fermentation resumes until the wine reaches its final alcohol content of 6 to 7%.

The natural lightness and sweetness of this sparkling wine is due to the presence of residual sugar in the wine.

#### AOP Crémant de Limoux

The Crémant de Limoux follows a similar method of fermentation used for Blanquette. The first juices of the base wines of Chardonnay, Chenin, Mauzac and Pinot Noir– the four grapes allowed within this designation - are drawn during pressing and are used to produce the "Tête de Cuuée" wines. The remaining extracts are then fermented separately. Each winery has its own blending ratios to produce the specific personality for the wines, as well as reflecting the regional character. Wines can be white or rosé.

A second fermentation in the bottle is started by adding the 'tirage' liqueur, which in this case can only be added after the 1st of December. The wine forms its bubbles while the bottles spend at least 12 months on the lees.

The sediment produced in this operation is brought gradually towards the neck of the bottle by gentle turning and inclination, a manoeuure carried out daily. Then the neck of the bottle is frozen and the trapped sediment expelled. Before the wine is corked, a liqueur (called the 'liqueur d'expédition) is added which gives the "brut" character. After resting another two months, the bottles are labelled and shipped to all four corners of the world.

Unlike most other wine appellations, Blanquette and Crémant receive their final quality check only after the second fermentation, which in turn represents an additional quality guarantee.

Blanquette and Crémant wines are generally best drunk within three years of the harvest. The top-of-the-shelf "cuvées" are matured on laths? for up to five years before separation of the sediment, the wine gaining finesse and complexity.

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## THE STILL WINES

#### Limoux White

Harvesting is done by hand to avoid crushing the grapes, which must arrive at the winery whole for pressing.

Limoux Blanc is unique in that it is the only Languedoc-Roussillon designation that requires fermentation and ageing in oak barrels from grapes that have a minimum potential alcohol content of 10% on the vine. Ageing on fine lees, with manual stirring every 15 days, continues at least until the 1st May following the harvest, sometimes longer depending on the wine makers' preferences.

#### Limoux Red

These wines are produced in line with current best practices: maceration of the fruit after de-stemming or by carbonic maceration (for early-drinking wines), then maturing in tanks or in oak, depending on the wine grower's style. The parcels of vines to be used in the production must be clearly identified at the latest by 31st May before the harvest. The winemaker can ferment the wine either in vats, or in oak casks depending on the quality and characteristics he wants to obtain.

The Limoux Rouge matures in the tanks or barrels until at least the 1st of May of the year following the harvest.

## IGP Haute Vallée

#### de l'Aude

The "Limoux Vineyards of History and Legend" wine region covers the communes of the "IGP Haute Vallée de l'Aude".

It is the Aude River, whose source is in the Pyrenees and which passes through the region, which gave its name to the IGP. The production area resembles a large amphitheatre around Limoux, all along its valley.

A number of grape varieties are grown under this appellation, including Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris Sauvignon, Viognier for whites and Pinot Meunier, Pinot Gris, Cabernet Franc for reds.

#### Labels and rankings



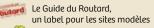
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Le label Bienvenue à la Ferme

# WINERIES & WINE CELLARS

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## Wineries & Wine Cellars Le Clos de Maro



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 We love the panoramic uiew of the pyrenees from the estate
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Located in an enchanting and luminous setting, the estate enjoys a breathtaking view of the Pyrenees and produces white and sparkling wines. Mauzac, the traditional Limouxin grape variety, grows alongside Chardonnay and Chenin blanc. The winery overlooks an idyllic landscape where you can enjoy their award-winning wines in the company of their Anglo-Dutch owners. The Domaine J. Laurens was created in the 80s by a Champagne native who saw the potential of the Limouxin wine region. Since then, the technical know-how has been kept alive thanks to a small and united team, whose goal is to produce high quality sparkling wines year after year with the same desire for excellence. Present the world over, these sparkling wines can be found in places as far apart as the United States and Australia, as well, of course, as all of Europe.





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The estate, Clos de Maro, encompasses 25 hectares, cultivated organically since 2007. The harvest is both manual or mechanical according to the grape varieties. The wine is aged in either stainless steel tanks or, for some wines, French oak barrels. The estate produces single varietal wines of white, rosé and red which contain very little sulphites. Maison Guinot has been an independent producer of AOP Limoux sparkling wines since 1875. A family run estate for 5 generations, it produces Blanquette and Crémant de Limoux solely according to the traditional method - manual harvesting, ageing on lees, daily turning and gentle shaking of the bottles by hand, and "dégorgement à la volée" - the removal of the sediment in the bottle neck by hand.

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## Wineries & Wine Cellars Sieur d'Arques



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## Sieur d'Arques Le caveau des vigneronnes



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Open from Mondays to Saturdays : 9h30-12h/14h-18h30 Closed on Sundays and holidays

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"Between daring and heritage", the Sieur d'Arques Winery has been producing still and sparkling wines since 1946. Visit the cave and you can learn how a cooperative winery operates, the work done in the vines, the harvest, and the fermentation of the Limoux region wines. You could also visit their wine museum and their underground galleries. Alain Cavaillès started his adventure twenty years ago on the slopes of the small village of Magrie, not far from Limoux and 20 minutes from Carcassonne. A fabulous landscape dominated by vineyards, and the area's climate, control the balance between the aromatic strength and the freshness of the grapes that grow here. This is where the estate of the Moulin d'Alon produces sparkling and still AOP Limoux wines, whilst fully respecting the surrounding flora and fauna. Wineries & Wine Cellars Alain Cavaillès



Domaine du Moulin d'Alon

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Wineries & Wine Cellars Domaine Saint Jacques



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Since 1946, the wine growers and producers of Sieur d'Arques have worked incessantly on the technical and quality development of its wines. It is thanks to them and their passion that the Limouxin wine region, recognized around the world, has become one of the most beautiful vineyards of the Languedoc. Group visits to the cellars of Sieur d'Arques are possible. Located on an old road leading to Compostela, the Saint Jacques domain was a place of welcome for pilgrims. For three generations, the Torregrosa family have maintained their passion for the vine, wine and respect for nature. The estate is dedicated to wines of all colours, Blanquette, Ancestral or Traditional, Crémant, Cartagène and grape juice.

## Wineries & Wine Cellars Anne de Joyeuse



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Open all year



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The winemakers of the Anne de Joyeuse winery, aware of the exceptional quality of this region, first planted Merlot, Cabernet, Sauvignon and Chardonnay vines in 1972. Today they are now being rewarded for all their hard work, with a wide range of AOP Limoux Rouge, AOP Limoux Blanc and varietal wines, all available for tasting at the cellars.

Founded in 1937, and perched on the heights of the Limouxin region, the Robert family has made the Domaine de Fourn a Mecca for the Blanquette de Limoux. Over 80 years later, their 50 ha of vineyards now form the largest estate in the Blanquette and Crémant de Limoux designation.

#### Wineries & Wine Cellars



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## Wineries & Wine Cellars Domaine de Fourn



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## Wineries & Wine Cellars Domaine de Baronarques



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## Wineries & Wine Cellars Domaine Cariven



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This 17th century property, purchased in 1998 by Baroness Philippine de Rothschild and her two sons, has since undergone a major renovation of its vineyards and technical facilities. Thanks to a vat room equipped with temperature controlled tanks and a barrel cellar allowing maturing and vinification directly in cask, the estate has all the tools necessary to produce "Grands Vins". This particular cellar has the unique experience of bringing together 18 grape varieties on the 43 ha of its

bringing together 18 grape varieties on the 43 ha of its vineyard. This results in both an aromatic and atypical character for the wines, which are regularly recognized to have exceptional ageing potential.





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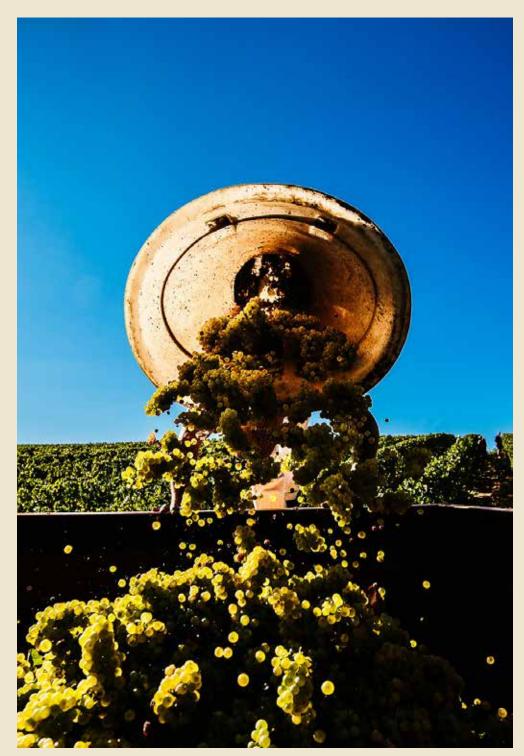


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Winemakers for several generations, and heirs to an ancestral know-how, whose passion still remains today, the Cariven family will be delighted to welcome you to the cellars on their estate for a tasting of varietal and sparkling wines. Merlot, Syrah, Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Crémants, Blanquettes await yourvisit. At the entrance to the Haute Vallée de l'Aude, this winery is worked with three draft horses by two young winemakers. Their 7 hectares of vines cultivated on stoney clay soil produce lively and taut wines in AOC Limoux and IGP Haute Vallée de l'Aude designations. Their organic wines are made from natural fermentation processes with indigenous yeasts, and low levels of sulphites.



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## Hotel Grand Hotel Moderne Et Pigeon\*\*\*



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Capacity: 13 rooms, 32 people Open all year



Hotel Château des Ducs de Joyeuse



Isabelle et Vincent Nourrisson

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> Capacity: 34 rooms, 80 people Open from 15/04 to 01/11



You will be able to discover the fabulous staircase and stained glass window from the old convent of the "Penitents Blancs"

This historic residence in the centre of Limoux, the Grand Hotel Moderne and Pigeon,(Logis de France), is ideally located as a base to explore the Cathar Châteaux, the City of Carcassonne and, of course, Limoux, Capital of the Blanquette and renowned for its Carnival.

Château des Ducs de Joyeuse - Couiza

Hotel Hostellerie de Rennes Les Bains\*\*\*



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Capacity: 7 rooms, 14 people Open from 08/03 to 11/11 Handicap access



The hotel offers you a warm welcome and a pleasant stay, located at the gateway to the "Pays Cathare". Comfortable and in a particularly quiet environment, the hotel has 6 rooms and 1 suite. All rooms are equipped with a separate toilet, and a bathroom with shower and bath. A charming and refined hotel-restaurant which blends the medieval character of its rooms and suites with the modern comfort of its bathrooms, which are equipped with baths or showers, and hairdryer. The hotel also provides free Wi-Fi, satellite TV, air-conditioning and safe. There is a heated pool on the banks of the river Aude and a tennis court.

## Bed and Breakfast **Domaine de Pailheres**



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Capacity: 4 rooms, 10 people Handicap access

#### Bed and Breakfast L'Albane



Valérie Vidal

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Capacity: 3 rooms, 8 people





The estate is situated in the "Haute Vallée de l'Aude", in the heart of Cathar Country and near the village of Rennes-le-Chateau, with four guest rooms in an outbuilding of the family home, each with bathroom and toilet, opening onto a panoramic terrace. Meals are served in the family dining room or on the terrace next to the kitchen garden.

We love the abundant breakfast and

the flair of the house combining modern

and old, simplicity and authenticity

to March

Located in the village of Lauraguel surrounded by the

vineyard landscapes of the famous Blanquette de

Limoux and Chardonnay wine region. Valérie and Jean-

Pierre, motorcycle enthusiasts, propose a motorcycle

stopover. The nearby Carnival of Limoux, where the

"Fécos" parade takes place every weekend from January



Very close to Limoux, nicknamed "City of Blanquetiers", you will find the hamlet of Vendemies perched in the foothills of the Corbières. Here, Elisabeth and Jean Claude have built their guest house around a pool, with a beautiful breakfast terrace.

We love the view, the calm and natural

surroundings that this accommodation offers

This bed & breakfast is located in the heart of lush

greenery, in the small picturesque village of Sougraigne

in the "Haute Vallée de l'Aude", in the "Corbières Vertes"

region. You will find wild and unspoiled nature and

a multitude of hiking trails. Nicole and François will

welcome you to a historical house dating from the 15th

century, with a warm, friendly and serene atmosphere.





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Capacity: 2 rooms, 6 people



## Bed and Breakfast Le Jardin de la Sals



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Capacity: 4 rooms, 15 people



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## Self-catering Rental La Genivrière



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Capacity: 7 rooms, 14 people

## Self-catering Rental La Bergerie de Jules



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Capacity: 3 rooms, 6 people



We love the Mediterranean landscape with a view of the Bugarach Peak, and its heated indoor pool

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We Love the surrounding natural environment and the breeding farm

In the heart of the "Corbières Vertes" between Limoux

and Lagrasse, which, with its Abbey, is ranked as one

of the most beautiful villages in France. The City of

Carcassonne is 45 minutes away. The gîte is surrounded

by nature and tranquility, which makes for the perfect

location to discover and observe the local agricultural

lifestyle on the adjacent breeding farm.

Superb detached stone gîte (580m<sup>2</sup> living space) situated in the heart of nature with enclosed grounds of 5ha and surrounded by meadows and forests. An indoor swimming pool, heated year round, with summer kitchen, sauna and jacuzzi (4 persons). Large terrace overlooking tended lawns. An adjacent building offers an additional 2 bedrooms (2 beds 2 persons, 1 bed 1 person), with 2 bathrooms, one with a shower the other a bath



In the heart of the "Haute Vallée de l'Aude" and the Cathar Country, this traditional Languedoc village house has been completely renovated, combining Occitan and contemporary styles. Bright, quiet and airy with exposed stone, this holiday home is a paradise for young and old.

Michel and Marie-Laure welcome you to their beautiful

cottages located in the heart of the winemaking village of

Cournanel. The cottages are just a few steps from the well-

known "Cabanes" hiking trail.

We love its location in an agricultural environment at the heart of a very beautiful winemaking village

## Self-catering Rental Nostre Ostal



Mr & Mme Richeux 11190 COUIZA Reservations through Gîte de France: +33 4 68 11 40 70

> contact@gites11.com www.gites-de-france.com/aude

> > Capacity: 3 rooms, 6 people

## Self-catering Rental La Bastide Saint Étienne



Michel & Marie-Laure Delpech 11300 COURNANEL +33 4 68 31 58 60/+33 6 77 72 84 86

gite.labastidestetienne@orange.fr www.gites-labastidesaintetienne.com

> Open all year Capacity: 2 apartments, 6 rooms, 2x8 people

## Self-catering Rental L'Amandier et le Noisetier



Jean-Paul Escande 11250 GREFFEIL

#### Reservations through Gîte de France: +33 4 68 11 40 70

contact@gites11.com www.gites-de-france.com/aude

Capacity: 2 apartments, 4 rooms, 8 people



## Self-catering Rental **Domaine de la Salutière**



Denise Barrandon 11300 LAURAGUEL +33 4 68 31 10 45 / +33 6 45 56 14 53

denise.barrandon@orange.fr www.domainedelasalutiere.com

Capacity: 2 apartments, 6 rooms, 16 people





The cottages are located in a small village of character, nestled in quiet and natural surroundings in the foothills of the Corbières. Close to hiking and mountain bike trails and Cathar Country sites (Abbaye de St. Hilaire). With a small enclosed garden, a garden vegetable welcome basket is provided on your arrival. A cottage located in natural surroundings a few km from the village of Rennes-le-Château. Close to many hiking and mountain bike trails, as well as the town of Espéraza with its dinosaur museum and farmers' market. Ten minutes from whitewater rafting, kayak and canyoning sites on the Aude river. The cottage has a pergola terrace with garden furniture, and lovely views of the surroundings.

Nicole and François welcome you to this renovated

building, 50m from the pool, jacuzzi and tennis court. The cottage is equipped with an adjoining terrace

with garden furniture.

## Self-catering Rental Les Jendous



Aline Chadefaud 11190 RENNES LE CHATEAU Reservations through Gîte de France: +33 4 68 11 40 70

> contact@gites11.com www.gites-de-france.com/aude

> > Capacity: 2 rooms, 4 people



#### Self-catering Rental Le Jardin de la Sals



Mr & Mme Dumas 11190 SOUGRAIGNE

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> contact@lejardindelasals.com www.lejardindelasals.com

> > Capacity: 4 rooms, 8 people





At the gates of the Malepère region between Carcassonne, Limoux and Castelnaudary, and 30 minutes to the well-known city of Mirepoix. The estate has been in the same family for four generations is currently operated by the greatgrandson of the original owner.

## Self-catering Rental La Remise



Noel Rougé

11580 VERAZA

Reservations through Gîte de France: +33 4 68 11 40 70

#### contact@gites11.com www.gites-de-france.com/aude

Capacity: 4 rooms, 8 people Handicap access



#### Self-catering Rental La Cave de Lami



Mr et Mme Denis et Manuela Faure 11300 LA DIGNE D'AVAL Réservation Gîte de France : + 33 4 68 31 72 66

www.domainefaure.com Capacity : 10 people, 5 rooms





Building of character in exposed stone, with its rock garden and adjacent terrace with a beautiful view of the Pyrenees. Enjoy the foothill landscapes of this region with all its hiking possibilities which include the climb to the famous "Pic de Bugarach".

We love the location of this cottage located in the heart of a "circulade" village Located in the heart of the Cathar Country near the Pic de Bugarach, on the site of an old tile factory, you can discover the charms of the Haute Vallée, its wild beauty, its historical heritage, and its mysteries. On site you'll find a calm and relaxing atmosphere, and enjoy wine tastings from the Domaine La Maurette. With a furnished terrace, a garden and a carport, the house is independent and entirely on one level.

> ഡ് love their gîte equipped to receive guests with disabilities

## Self-catering Rental Le Vigneron



Mr Tricoire Didier La Tuilerie 11190 CASSAIGNES Reservations : + 33 4 68 69 84 80 didier.tricoire@wanadoo.fr Capacity : 4 people, 2 rooms



## Self-catering Rental Entre les Vignes\*\*\*



Mr Wijnhofen Theo et Mme Cujipers Marjan

11300 TOURREILLES Reservations :

#### +33 4 68 31 51 55 / +33 6 30 38 78 23

entre-les-vignes@orange.fr www.gitesentrelesvignes.com

Capacity : 16 people, 4 apartments for 4 people each \*One of our gîtes is wheelchair accessible.



This charming gîte has been created in the family's renovated wine cellar. The building dates from the 19th century, and the renovation has preserved the tradition and authenticity of the house, with its exposed stone walls, wooden floors, old vats... The cottage offers all the comforts. A large 60 m<sup>2</sup> patio, overlooks the Limouxin hills and the vineyard. Enjoy a moment of well being and relaxation in the 5-person Spa (fees may apply).

500 meters from the small uillage of Tourreilles, with only a track that accesses the gites and the surrounding vineyards, you will find a calm and serene setting. Relax by the pool, take one of the lovely hikes or mountain bike tours, discover the chateaux and villages, or taste wine at one of the neighbouring vineyards...

## Camping La Bernède\*\*\*



Jean-Pierre De Filippi 19 chemin de la Bernède 11190 RENNES LES BAINS

+33 4 68 20 07 30

infos@labernede.fr www.camping-renneslesbains.com

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Capacity: 64 sites, 21 mobile homes Open all year

#### Camping Le Val d'Aleth\*\*



Mr & Mme Vabre

Chemin de la Paoulette 11580 ALET LES BAINS

#### +33 4 68 69 90 40

#### contact@valdaleth.com www.valdaleth.com

Capacity: 37 sites, 4 mobile homes, 4 bengalis Open from 02/01 to 23/12 Handicap access

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We love its location, which is ideal for visits to sites of interest (chateaux etc.), and its pleasant welcome

In the centre of the Cathar Country, located in the spa resort town of Rennes-les-Bains, the campsite is in the heart of the "Haute Vallée de l'Aude", near Cathar castles, 50 km from the City of Carcassonne and one hour from the Mediterranean. We offer a playground for children, an area for sports activities such as tennis, football and mini-golf, a tapas bar with a projection room, and a swimming pool.

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A small family run campsite on the banks of the River Aude situated in a medieval village. Open all year. There are sanitary facilities equipped for the disabled. 30 minutes from Carcassonne, ideally located for visits to the Cathar Country chateaux. Bed and breakfast rental also available. There are restaurants and shops in the village, hiking and canoeing, and mountain bike rental on site. RESTAURANTS & WINE BARS

## Restaurant La Cour des Ducs



Isabelle & Vincent Nourrisson

Allée Georges Roux 11190 COUIZA

+33 4 68 74 23 50

reception@chateau-des-ducs.com www.chateau-des-ducs.com

Capacity: 70 people Open from 15/04 to 01/11 Handicap access



## Restaurant La Carabène



Sébastien et Lydia 46 B Promenade du Tivoli 11300 LIMOUX

#### +33 4 68 74 87 01/+33 7 77 91 62 17

la-carabene11@orange.fr www.restaurant-la-carabene.fr

Capacity: 70 people Open from 02/01 to 31/12 Handicap access





In an exceptional setting, the restaurant La Cour des Ducs offers gourmet cuisine, based on local products and a respect for the rhythm of the seasons. In summer, enjoy lunch on the terrace or in our sunny Renaissance courtyard. An extensive wine list, with a focus on regional wines. Well-equipped for group meals, communions and baptisms. A private dining area and lounge is available.

We love its local specialities such as the

"cassoulet" or the "fricassee" accompanied by a glass of Blanquette

First opened in 2014, the restaurant is named after the

traditional accessory of the Carnival of Limoux - the

"carabène". With more than 30 years of experience

in the field, and a real passion for traditional French

cuisine, our menu includes local specialities such

as cassoulet and fricassee. Two large private dining

rooms are available that can accommodate up to 40 and 75 guests, for groups, birthdays, baptisms, and

weddings.

Located in the heart of Limoux, l'Odalisque warmly welcomes you as a couple, with family or friends. A modern and distinguished atmosphere, with exposed stone, this restaurant offers high-end dishes at affordable rates. The possibility to reserve the whole restaurant for group meals is also available. For this restaurant, we advise you to make reservations in advance.

Profiting from a well earned reputation based on fresh and

seasonal products, mainly from small local producers, the

cuisine of Stéphane Castaing seduces with its creativity and

freshness.

We love this beautiful location for a meal

with family, friends or for business, and its "food





Mr & Mme Choplin 38 rue des Cordeliers 11300 LIMOUX

#### +33 4 68 74 31 75

odalisque.limoux@gmail.com www.restaurant-odalisque.fr

> Capacity: 30 people Open all year Handicap access

#### Restaurant **Tantine et Tonton**



Stéphane Castaing 1 Place du Général Leclerc 11300 LIMOUX

+33 4 68 31 21 95

hotelmodernepigeon@wanadoo.fr www.tantinetonton.fr

> Capacity: 100 people Open all year



## Restaurant Hostellerie de Rennes Les Bains



Jean-Jacques Mazet

1 rue des Bains Forts 11190 RENNES LES BAINS

+33 4 68 69 88 49

hostellerierlb@gmail.com www.hotel-renneslesbains.com

Capacity: 100 people Open from 05/03 to 11/11 Handicap access



#### Baràvin Le Vin Te 2



Pierre Jammes Place de la République 11300 LIMOUX

+33 6 76 01 44 92

#### facebook.com/levinte2

Capacity: 50 people Open all year Handicap access



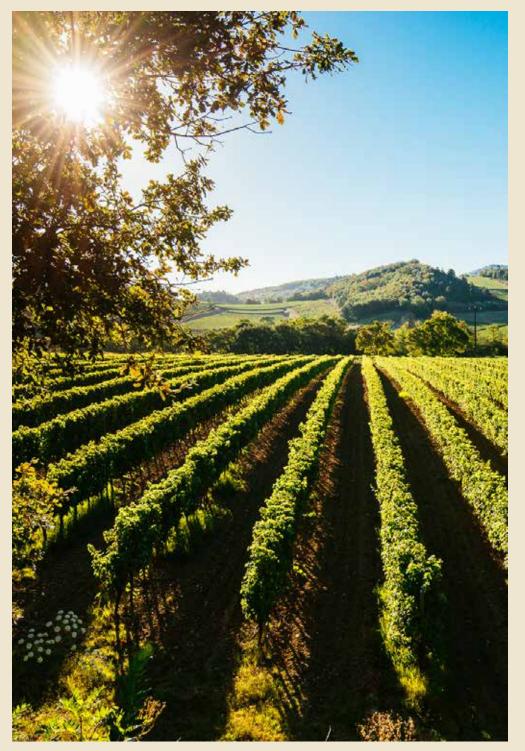


On the terrace above the riverbank, chef Merland Olivier offers his summer cuisine based on imaginative and creative grilled produce. In autumn, more warming meals are served in the dining hall with panoramic views of the kitchen and the river.



A charming wine bar, run by a native "Limouxin" and centrally located in the "Place de la République" in Limoux, features a regularly updated menu of tapas. The menu also includes an impressive list of still and sparkling wines.





# ACTIVITIES & HERITAGE

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## Patrimoine Domaine de l'Abbé Saunière



#### 11190 RENNES LE CHÂTEAU +33 4 68 31 38 85

tourisme.rlc@orange.fr www.rennes-le-chateau.fr

Open mid-March to mid-November and on Christmas holidays (December and January and 17 January) Handicap access





At the end of the 19th century, the mysterious pastor Béranger Saunière built a magnificent estate - the Villa Bethany, the Magdala tower and the glass tower. He also renovated the modest chapel of Saint Mary Magdalene in a very interesting style. Where did the means come from for such an estate? It is rumoured that he might have found a treasure...

The museum, founded in 1880, has kept its "belle époque" charm with boldly painted rooms, high zenith windows and lounge furniture. The works on display represent paintings from the second half of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th: academicism, post-impressionism. Marie Petiet Collection, Achille Laugé.

## Patrimoine Musée Petiet



32 promenade du Tivoli 11304 LIMOUX +33 9 63 68 34 54

musee.petiet@orange.fr www.limoux.fr

Handicap access

#### Patrimoine Abbaye de Saint Hilaire



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abbayedesthilaire@orange.fr www.saint-hilaire-aude.fr

Open all year except from 16/12 to 22/12, Christmas and the 1<sup>st</sup> of January





Birthplace of the Blanquette of Limoux, this former fortified Benedictine abbey, dating from the 8th century, consists of a Gothic cloister, a Romanesque church, an abbey dwelling, refectories and cellars.

This museum has a significant collection of pianos on display, retracing two centuries of history of French piano production. A museum unique in France.

## Patrimoine Musée du Piano



Place du 22 septembre Eglise Saint-Jacques 11300 LIMOUX

+33 9 63 68 34 54

musees.limoux@orange.fr www.limoux.fr

Open from 15/06 to 15/09

## Activités Alet Eau Vive



Michel Granger

Allée des Thermes 11580 ALET LES BAINS

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aleteauvive@free.fr www.aleteauvive.com

Open all year Handicap access



#### Activités Canoë Kayak Limoux



Sylvain Sapède

2 bis rue des Violettes 11300 LIMOUX

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info@canoelimoux.fr www.canoelimoux.fr

Open all year





source of the Sals River, a salty spring with up to 60gr of salt per litre. Nearby, visit the archaeological site of ancient Salines glass making, remarkable thanks to the remains of its two particularly well-preserved heating structures: a fusion furnace, more than 6 meters long, equipped with a double hearth system and a secondary annealing furnace. Randonnée Domaine de l'Eau Salée



L'association Salicorne

Domaine de l'Eau Salée 11190 SOUGRAIGNE

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contact@salicorne-en-aude.fr www.salicorne-en-aude.fr

> Open all year Handicap access





Canoe rental, kayak with or without guide. 3 possible outings - Discovery: duration 2h / Essential: duration 3h / Adventure: duration 6h Equipment, shuttle and insurance is included. Parking, toilets and picnic area.

Alet Eau Vive offers canoe tours with or without a guide,

rafting tours in groups and accompanied by a qualified

instructor, Kayaking and Hydrospeed tours, which allow you

to discover and enjoy the fast-flowing river in safety.

La Renaissance - a centre for healing and well-being. Enjoy an original and rejuvenating stay in the centre of the Cathar Country. A moment, half a day, a day, a weekend or six days ... Treatments, activities, accommodation is included. A plan can be tailored to accommodate your exact needs.

## <sup>Bien-être</sup> La Renaissance



Evelyne Codina

1 Grand rue des Thermes 11190 RENNES LES BAINS

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> Open all year Handicap access

## Patrimoine Abbaye d'Alet les Bains



**Avenue Nicolas Pavillon** 11580 ALET LES BAINS

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accueilabbaye@aletlesbains.com www.aletlesbains.com

*Open from 01/04 to 31/10* 



#### Patrimoine **Donjon d'Arques**



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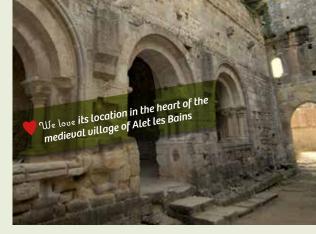
#### communedarques@orange.fr www.argues.wixsite.com/argues-chateau

Ouvert de février à mi-Novembre\* Handicap access

\* In February open only on weekends and school holidays / Closed from mid-November to early March except for group reservations







At the heart of the medieval city of Alet les Bains, the 12th century Abbey Cathedral Notre Dame d'Alet, with its Romanesque and Gothic strucutre, is a major monument to visit. The site shop sells postcards and local products.

With its elegant dungeon and magnificent "Tour

Logis", this entirely restored fortress is a masterpiece

of Gothic military construction dating back to the

13th century.

We love the 24-metre high quadrangular

dungeon and its Escape Game

We love this museum located in the historian's home, dedicated to Catharism

We Love the various workshops for children and the prehistoric greenhouse

Dinosauria in Espéraza is the first French museum

dedicated entirely to dinosaurs and their contemporaries.

This rare collection, presented in a simple instructive

way, offers a true journey through time that goes back

to the origins of life on Earth almost 3.5 billion years

ago.

The former home of Deodat Roché (historian and philosopher of Catharism) houses a permanent exhibition dedicated to Catharism.

## Patrimoine Musée Déodat Roché



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> Open from 15/06 to 15/09 Handicap access



## Patrimoine Musée des Dinosaures



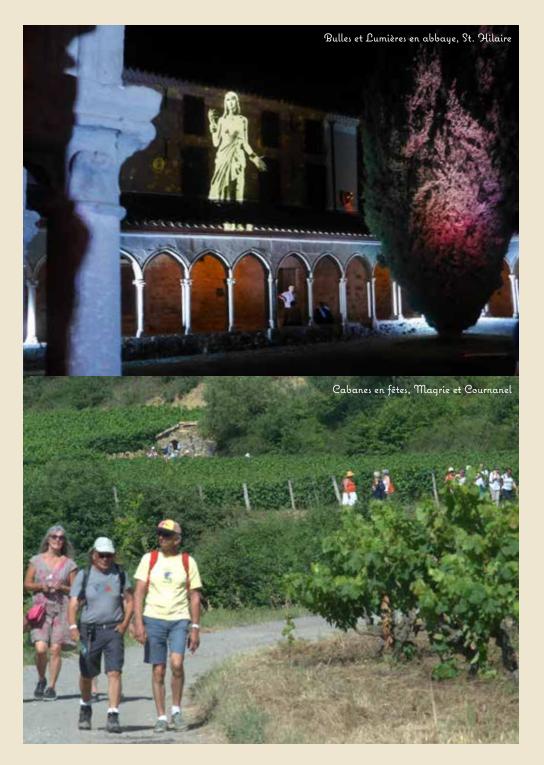
11260 ESPERAZA +33 4 68 74 02 08

contact@dinosauria.org www.dinosauria.org

Open during all school holidays \* Handicap access

From February to the 1st Sunday of December and from December 26<sup>th</sup> to the end of the Christmas holidays





## TOURIST AGENCIES

## **Trésor Languedoc tours**

All excursions and trips are tailor-made, so you can make the most of your stay in the South of France. Discover magnificent settings, enjoy excellent cuisine and local wines, and make your holidays exceptional. All the main historical and cultural sites in the Occitanie region (combining the Languedoc-Roussillon and Midi-Pyrénées) are covered. Discover the Cathar châteaux as well as the main cities of the region, such as Carcassonne, Narbonne, Toulouse, Albi and Limoux. Winery tours can be organized, where you will enjoy unforgettable encounters with winegrowers, visit cellars and most importantly, taste their wines. Airport transfers or other transportation needs during your stay are also covered, for both individuals or groups.



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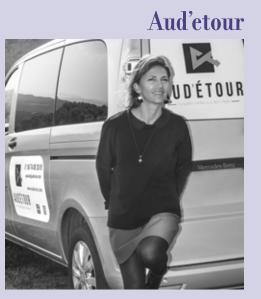
A specialized agency for the discovery of Occitania, Languedoc Roussillon, Aude and the Cathar Country, Carcassonne and the Pyrenees.

Services offered for your stay in France include - Organized or à la carte tours to discover the region, the Cathar chateaux, the cuisine, the sea and the mountains.

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## THE MAIN EVENTS

#### Cabanes en fêtes

Magrie and Cournanel - end of June At the foot of the 654 m high Pic de Brau in the Corneilla Valley, discover the history of two uillages joined by a 6 km hiking trail. Along the trail, small stone huts built on the edge of the uineyards have been restored by the region's winemakers and about fifty volunteers. They have become the guardians of this unique territory steeped in history. Every year, on the last Sunday of June, you are invited to come and enjoy and share their know-how: a gourmet hike marked by tastings, musical entertainment and workshops await you. To top it off, a meal is shared at the end of the trail.

#### The Winegrowers Hike

#### Domaine de Fourn. Pieusse

#### July & August

Come and share a cheerful evening with the Robert family, owners of the Domaine de Fourn. During the guided tour, discover the secrets of their vineyard and Limoux wines. Enjoy several gourmet breaks with an apéro of "Pebradou", Olives and charcuterie paired with wines from the Estate. The walk ends at the winery with a main course and dessert.

Mandatory reservation:

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Mail: robert.blanquette@wanadoo.fr

#### Bulles et Lumières

Maison Guinot, Limoux - all year long Created for the pleasure of amateur and expert wine lovers alike, an entertaining and educational show that pays particular attention to the evolution of our wines. The intention is to pass on our know-how and secrets so that you can participate in the development of our sparkling wines (tasting of the base wines, bottle "riddling" workshop, tasting of the finished wines...).

You can also savour the estate's Blanquette and Crémant de Limoux (AOP), the oldest sparkling wines in the world.

www.bullesetlumieres.fr

#### Rendez-vous Gourmands

#### The villages of the Limouxin region

#### July and August

In the heart of the "Vignobles & Découvertes" region, you are invited to meet local winemakers and producers who will happily share their expertise with you. Their intention is to delight your taste buds, with still and sparkling wines, cold meats, cheeses, pastries... accompanied by a dose of good humour. Come and enjoy all the charm of our Limoux culture!

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#### La Foire aux Vins Bios de l'Aude

#### St. Hilaire - November

Biociuam 11 and the winemakers' cooperative organize this yearly "Rendez-Vous" of organic wines of the Aude on the second weekend of November. It takes place in the Abbey of Saint-Hilaire, the historic birthplace of Blanquette de Limoux, an exceptional setting for the event which combines viticulture and cultural history. The wines, about seventy, are organized by classification (sparkling, white, fruity red, etc.) throughout the cloisters and the various rooms of the abbey, and they are available to order or for direct sale on the spot. The weekend includes a variety of functions and entertainment guided tours of the abbey, an introductory tasting workshop, live music, a book store "Mots et Compagnie", the League for the Protection of Birds (LPO) and many others.

A cafe selling organic cuisine is open throughout the weekend.

www.bio-aude.com

## Toques & Clochers

#### The villages of the Limouxin region The weekend of Palm Sunday

"Toques & Clochers" is a charity wine auction and festival, where part of the profits go to the renovation of the 42 church bell-towers of the villages in the Limoux designation region, thus contributing to the preservation of our local historical and architectural heritage. Each year, one of the villages is selected to host the popular festival, gathering nearly 30,000 visitors to celebrate the renovation of its church. It is also a major event in the world of wines. One of the most important wine auctions in France, Toques & Clochers is a great opportunity to gather winegrowers, wine professionals, restaurateurs, chefs and wine customers from all over the world for one weekend in an incredibly festive atmosphere.

Toques & Clochers has been organized by Sieur d'Argues since 1990.

www.sieurdargues.com





#### L'Atelier des Vignerons

#### Limoux

Because wine tells a story, L'Atelier de Vignerons organizes tastings every month in the presence of winemakers and other professionals from the world of wine. In a relaxed atmosphere, these encounters are an opportunity to learn more about the art of tasting, the wines and the "Terroirs" of the Languedoc-Roussillon. The evening events take place at L'Atelier des Vignerons in the Place de la Republic, Limoux, and include the wines, specially prepared dishes and entertainment.

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## **NEIGHBORING DESTINATIONS**



#### Grands vins

#### en Grand Carcassonne

GRANDSVINS

For those venturing around Carcassonne and its fortified "Cité", or

winding along the Canal du Midi, the landscape tells all - this region has been marked for centuries by the cultivation of vines.

Grand Carcassonne excels on account of the diversity of its wine designations - AOP Minervois, Corbières, Malepère, Cabardès and IGP City of Carcassonne, hillsides of Peyriac, Pays d'Oc, Aude...

Stroll through Montolieu, - the village of books, through the medieval streets of Caunes-Minervois, discover the wild nature of Val de Dagne or explore the vineyards by mountain bike. For gourmet lovers, enjoy local cuisine with activities and events featuring, for example, the local wines or truffles.

The Winegrowers Walk on Thursdays through the Malepère, Truffle and Earth, the Feast of Saint Vincent... As many variations in the glass as there are landscapes before your eyes!

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#### The Via Domitia

Les Vignoles de la Via Domitia en Languedoc extend between Narbonne, Carcassonne and VIA DOMITIA Perpignan, from the Mediterranean coast to the

plain of Mineruois and the Corbières mountains, allowing the discovery of wines of different AOP -Mineruois, La Clape, Fitou, Corbières and Corbières-Boutenac.

The region, with its unspoilt nature, offers a rare diversity of atmospheres and landscapes - wild beaches as far as the eye can see, salt and fresh water basins blanketed by flamingos and migratory

birds, vineyards, hillsides covered with pines or windswept scrublands ...

History has left its mark, starting from the Roman era up to the present day, as can be seen by the many sites to discover: Amphoralis, Horreum, the Archbishops' Palace and the museums of Narbonne, cathedrals, abbeys, Cathar Country chateaux, the Canal du Midi ... Enjoy the unique atmosphere of these small villages of southern France with enjoyable and unforgettable encounters with the locals, merchants and producers alike.

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