LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON

EVERYDAY FAVOURITES FROM £5.50

CORBIERES  FITOU  MINERVois  PIC SAINT-LOUP

SEVEN MIXED CASES
As the largest single wine region in the world, accounting for about a third of France's wine production, getting to know the Languedoc is something of a lifetime adventure. Quality has never been better and every vintage there are new stories to tell.

This year, the whites stand out: our selection spans the light and dry to a magical sweet Muscat de Rivesaltes, with a mixed case of some of the best whites that I have discovered with a saving to encourage members to try them.

Corbières was especially impressive this year and a mixed case is also available along with six other tantalising case selections.

The other enduring story of the Languedoc is its sheer good value, even better now thanks to the strength of sterling. The first part of the offer is about everyday drinking wines, white as well as red, with many members' favourites among them and a few new finds to try out too.

The Society currently works with over 50 producers, from single growers to dynamic co-operatives, across the length and breadth of the region. This offer provides just a snapshot of what we do; there is plenty more online or in the current List.

Marcel Orford-Williams
Society Buyer

The sheer size of the Languedoc means that it remains always competitive; a byword for value for money.

INFORMAL PLEASURES from £5.50 per bottle

**REDS**

The south is home to some of the world’s best-value everyday reds. You can almost taste the warmth of the Midi sun in the glorious ripe fruit.

**Domaine Laborie IGP 2014**
This Languedoc blend of grenache, carignan and syrah is a perennial member favourite. Full of deliciously ripe fruit and not too heavy, 12.5%

MM-FC28101
£5.50 bottle £66 dozen

**The Society’s French Full Red, Côtes Catalanes**
From the heart of the Roussillon, this blend of predominantly carignan and grenache is solidly full-bodied with a dominance of ripe-fruit flavours. Great value. 13.5%

MM-FC371
£5.75 bottle £69 dozen

**Pinot Noir, Vin de France, Jacques Dépagneux 2011**
Though classified as Vin de France, this lovely soft, round red comes from a cool part of the Languedoc around Limoux perfectly suited to pinot noir. A steal. 12%

MM-FC26221
£5.75 bottle £69 dozen

**Domaine Condamine L’Evêque, Côtes de Thongue Syrah-Mourvèdre 2014**
Here the Bascou family cleverly chose cuttings of the syrah grape from its heartland in the northern Rhône. Their syrah is dark, fragrant and savoury as a result. A little mourvèdre adds even more depth and spice. 12.5%

MM-FC28691
£5.95 bottle £71 dozen

**Côtes du Roussillon Villages, Chapelle de Pénà 2013**
Re-baptised as ‘Chapelle’, this comes from the same sources as before when it was known as ‘Château de Pénà’. Syrah, grenache and carignan make up most of the blend and it is full, fruity and spicy. 14.5%

MM-FC27291
£6.50 bottle £78 dozen

**Minervois, Château Sainte-Eulalie 2014**
Full, dark and ripe but with a lovely seam of freshness. Excellent value for money. Laurent and Isabelle Coustal live in isolation in La Livinière among their vines and make one of the best wines in this famous appellation. 14%

MM-FC28821
£6.95 bottle £83 dozen

**Cuvée de l’Arjolle Rouge 2013**
A lovely, ripe, fruity cabernet-merlot blend with a touch of syrah from pioneers of the Bordeaux blend in the Languedoc. 13%

MM-FC28851
£7.50 bottle £90 dozen

**Petit Verdot, Domaine du Bosc 2011**
Pierre Bésinet, now in his eighties, thought that this lesser-known Bordelais variety might prosper under the Mediterranean sun. This deeply coloured, full-flavoured and fruity red suggests that he was right. All the better for a few more years’ maturity. 13%

MM-FC27161
£7.50 bottle £90 dozen
Seven everyday whites from different grape varieties and combinations.

Les Pierres Bordes Marsanne-Viognier, Pays d’Oc 2014
This marriage of two Rhône grape varieties is a proven member favourite. Gloriously fresh and fruity but round enough to match numerous dishes too. 12%
MM-FC28081
£5.75 bottle £69 dozen

Pélerin Blanc Pays de Caux, Chartreuse de Mougères 2014
This is made by Nicolas de Saint-Exupéry from vines he bought from a venerable Carthusian monastery. A lovely fresh blend of sauvignon and vermentino with a smidgen of muscat and macabeu. 13.5%
MM-FC28031
£5.95 bottle £71 dozen

Duo Des Deux Mers Sauvignon-Viognier, Vin de France 2014
Fragrant, dry and fruity white, making full use of the Vin de France regulations with sauvignon from Gascony and viognier from the Languedoc. 12%
MM-FC27491
£7.25 bottle £87 dozen

Grenache Blanc Pays d’Oc, Domaine du Bosc 2014
Dry yet quite round, refreshing and full-flavoured with a touch of wild herbs. This is a great everyday white. 12%
MM-FC27721
£5.95 bottle £71 dozen

Chardonnay Vin de France, Jacques Dépagneux 2014
A happy blend of two chardonnay parcels, the majority from the Languedoc with 10% from Beaujolais; the former for weight and depth and the latter for grip and finesse. 12.5%
MM-FC28251
£6.50 bottle £78 dozen

Sauvignon de l’Arjolle, Côtes de Thongue 2014
A masterclass in sauvignon with both sauvignon blanc and the lesser-known gris used to add extra depth and aroma. This is lovely and fresh with a hint of elderflower. 12%
MM-FC27931
£7.25 bottle £87 dozen

Picpoul de Pinet, Domaine Félinales-Jourdan 2014
The grape lives up to its French name: pique (‘sharp and lively’) and poule (‘soft and maternal’). Dry, full-flavoured with some richness. 13.5%
MM-FC27781
£8.50 bottle £102 dozen

REGIONAL TREASURES

Today, the Languedoc is a great source of high-quality, inexpensive wines but it is worth remembering that this is an ancient wine region highly valued in the classical world for its fine wines. Appellation contrôlée status was slow to arrive here and is still evolving, thanks to a growing band of dedicated and passionate growers determined to lift the quality bar. We are proud that many of their wines can be found at The Society.

CORBIERES

We start our tour in Corbières, a large appellation with a wide range of styles. One village (Boutenac) has succeeded in getting its own appellation and others are doing their utmost to follow suit.

The Society’s Corbières 2013
Deliciously fruity and full-bodied red. The producer is Pierre Bories from in-form Ollieux Romanis. 14% The 2014 follows.
MM-FC26481
£7.25 bottle £87 dozen

Corbières, Domaine Baillat 2012
Austrian-French Christian Baillat has vines at the far north-western end of Corbières, close to Carcassonne. A lovely, full and generous expression of Corbières with the syrah grape dominant. 14%
MM-FC27601
£8.75 bottle £105 dozen

Corbières Rouge, Domaine du Trillol 2011
Exceptional quality here from the wild, southern part of the Corbières. Ben Sichel divides his time between here and Angludet in Margaux. A delightful quaffing red with all the spice and richness of this magical region. 14.5%
MM-FC28731
£9.95 bottle £119 dozen

Corbières-Boutenac, Domaine le Champ des Murailles 2012
Boutenac gained appellation status in 2005. There is plenty of complexity with a marked black-fruit and graphite flavour in this wine from the outstanding Château Ollieux Romanis. Now to 2021. 14.5%
MM-FC28901
£12.95 bottle £155 dozen

Corbières Blanc Cuvée Prestige, Château Ollieux Romanis 2014
The Corbières hills are better known for reds yet the whites can prosper too, taking full advantage of the cool breezes that dampen the vine’s ardour. This has Rhône-like richness and weight. Now to 2021. 14.5%
MM-FC28841
£14.50 bottle £174 dozen

DISCOVERING CORBIERES CASE

A six-bottle case containing a bottle of each of the following:

Corbières-Boutenac, Domaine le Champ des Murailles 2012
Corbières Cuvée Emilien Baillat, Domaine Baillat 2012
Corbières ‘Le No. 3 de Castelmaure’, Cave d’Embrès et Castelmaure 2012

£69

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LIMOUX

Limoux is the birthplace of sparkling wine with a history going back to 1531.

Blanquette de Limoux Nature, Antech NV
The traditional grape variety for Blanquette is mauzac and this example, bottled without dosage (the addition of sugar), is dry, yet in no way aggressive, just fruity and refreshing. 12%
MM-SG1421
£9.50 bottle  £114 dozen

Blanquette de Limoux, Méthode Ancestrale, Antech NV
Françoise Antech heads this leading house and has been one of the most successful at bringing back the old (or ancestrale) way of making sparkling wine. Made from ripe mauzac grapes and fermented just the once in bottle, this is naturally quite sweet and low in alcohol. A favourite for apple-based desserts and pastries. 6.5%
MM-SG751
£9.75 bottle  £117 dozen

FITOU

This was the first appellation for table wine, created in 1948. A lot of white grapes were planted here to make the sweet vin doux naturel, including of course muscat.

Fitou Origines, Domaine Bertrand-Bargé 2013
A mountain Fitou made mainly from carignan. Strong, full-bodied and richly flavoured and from one of the top producers with a reputation for making wines with finesse. 14.5%
MM-FC27521
£7.95 bottle £95 dozen

Muscat de Rivesaltes, Domaine Bertrand-Bargé 2013
A very fine example of this famous sweet muscat produced by an exceptionally talented grower who also makes brilliant Fitou. Tangy, fruity sweet yet with freshness. Perfect with a fruit salad. Now to 2018. 16%
MM-FC28891
£10.95 bottle £131 dozen

LA CLAPE

Locally, it is known as ‘La Montagne’ but La Clape is in fact a large plateau of limestone to the south of Narbonne. The influence of the sea is obvious with humid sea mists making up for scarce rain. Another oddity, bourboulenc, is the main white variety grown here and must account for at least half of the total.

Bourboulenc Terres de Pérignan, Domaine de Simonet 2014
Pure bourboulenc and thus rare and not entitled to the appellation. Very clean and fresh, even salty. A must with oysters and other seafood, or refreshing enough to drink on its own. Christophe Barbier is a top vigneron (and cook). 13%
MM-FC27811
£7.50 bottle £90 dozen

La Clape Arpège, Château Rouquette sur Mer 2014
Bourboulenc here gives the wine its grip with roussanne added for body and flavour. Bone-dry, vibrant and fruity, perfect with food but refreshing enough to be enjoyed on its own, perhaps with a few green olives on the side. 13%
MM-FC28831
£9.95 bottle £119 dozen

KEY
1 - bone dry to intensely sweet
θ screwcap  † new vintage
red  white  sparkling

GREAT LANGUEDOC ESTATE WHITES

A six-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:

La Clape Arpège, Château Rouquette sur Mer 2014
Languedoc Pourquoi Pas, Château de Valflaunès 2014
Faugères Blanc Cistus, Château de la Liquière 2014
Coteaux du Languedoc Blanc Cocières, Domaine Aupilhac 2014
Corbières Blanc Cuvée Prestige, Château Ollieux Romanis 2014
Bourboulenc Terres de Pérignan, Domaine de Simonet 2014

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£60 A SAVING OF £8.80

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Atlantic and Mediterranean worlds meet at Carcassonne and this is reflected in the choice of grape varieties. Cabardès can taste more Bordeaux-like than Rhône. Minervois, named after the goddess Minerva, occupies the same slope but is further east and the wines are resolutely more Mediterranean.

**Cabardès Terroirs d’Altitude, Château de Pennautier 2012**
Cabardès is one of the local wines of Carcassonne and an area that has benefited much from the warmer climate. Here syrah, cabernet sauvignon and merlot together make up 75% of the blend. Dark, vibrant with plenty of ripe fruit on the palate and finishing with a hint of truffle. 14%

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**Minervois La Livinière Cuvée Cantilène, Château Sainte-Eulalie 2012**
Rich, almost luscious, red with charm and sophistication. There is oak here but it is finely judged and only adds to the complexity and polish. Perfect with a Sunday roast. Now to 2020. 14.5%

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CABARDES AND MINERVOIS
**EVERYDAY LANGUEDOC REDS**

A 12-bottle case containing two bottles each of the following:

- Cuvée de l’Arjolle 2013
- Domaine Condamine L’Eveque, Côtes de Thongue Syrah-Mourvèdre 2014
- Côtes du Roussillon Villages, Chapelle de Péna 2013
- Pinot Noir Vin de France, Jacques Dépagneux 2011
- Petit Verdot, Domaine du Bosc 2011
- Minervois, Château Sainte-Eulalie 2014

£79

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**EVERYDAY LANGUEDOC WHITES**

A 12-bottle case containing two bottles each of the following:

- Pélerin Blanc Pays de Caux, Chartreuse de Mougères 2014
- Les Pierres Bordés Marsanne-Viognier, Pays d’Oc 2014
- Duo Des Deux Mers Sauvignon-Viognier, Vin de France 2014
- Grenache Blanc Pays d’Oc, Domaine du Bosc 2014
- Chardonnay Vin de France, Jacques Dépagneux 2014
- Picpoul de Pinet, Domaine Félines-Jourdan 2014

£75

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**EVERYDAY LANGUEDOC MIXED DOZEN**

A 12-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:

**REDS**
- The Society’s Corbières 2013/2014
- Cuvée de l’Arjolle 2013
- Domaine Condamine L’Eveque, Côtes de Thongue Syrah-Mourvèdre 2014
- Cabardès Terroirs d’Altitude, Château de Pennautier 2012
- Minervois, Château Sainte-Eulalie 2014
- Petit Verdot, Domaine du Bosc 2011

**WHITES**
- Grenache Blanc Pays d’Oc, Domaine du Bosc 2014
- Bourboulenc Terres de Pérignan, Domaine de Simonet 2014
- Sauvignon de l’Arjolle, Côtes de Thongue 2014
- Les Pierres Bordés Marsanne-Viognier, Pays d’Oc 2014
- Chardonnay Vin de France, Jacques Dépagneux 2014

**SPARKLING**
- Blanquette de Limoux Nature, Antech NV

£85

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**LANGUEDOC MEMBERS’ FAVOURITES**

A 12-bottle case containing two bottles each of the following:

**REDS**
- Domaine Laborie IGP 2014
- Pinot Noir Vin de France, Jacques Dépagneux 2011
- Domaine Condamine L’Eveque, Côtes de Thongue Syrah-Mourvèdre 2014

**WHITES**
- Les Pierres Bordés Marsanne-Viognier, Pays d’Oc 2014
- Duo Des Deux Mers Sauvignon-Viognier, Vin de France 2014
- Picpoul de Pinet, Domaine Félines-Jourdan 2014

£72

ref MM-MX15192

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