LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON
WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES A LONG WAY
16 EVERYDAY FAVOURITES
THE BEST OF THE SOUTH
WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES A LONG, LONG WAY

I travel the length and breadth of the Languedoc and Roussillon regions of southern France several times each year and I’m always picking up new ideas and discovering new producers, such as the Domaine La Croix Belle from just outside Béziers. Over the years we have developed a rich stable of growers to work with, 30 of whom are featured here.

We start the selection with 16 delicious everyday reds and whites that this part of the wine world does so well. We then dig a little deeper into the wines of Limoux, Minervois, Corbières, La Clape and the Massif Central.

Among the six mixed cases, one is devoted to exploring Roussillon, the southernmost region of France, right on the eastern border with Spain, and a source of remarkable, unique wines. Enjoy!

Marcel Orford-Williams
Society Buyer

INFORMAL PLEASURES FOR EVERYDAY DRINKING

A collection of what the South of France does so well: good-quality, uncomplicated wines at unbeatable prices.

EVERYDAY REDS

Domaine Laborie IGP 2015
This blend of grenache, cinsanand and syrah comes from between Minervois and Saint-Chinian and is a perennial member favourite because the flavour, price and quality strike just the right note time and time again. Full of deliciously ripe, brambly fruit. 12.5%
ref MM-FC30001
£5.75 bottle £69 dozen

Domaine de Gournier, Cévennes Rouge 2015
A full-flavoured, dark, fruity country red from the area behind Uzès in the Cévennes. The ideal bottle for washing down bangers and mash. 13.5%
ref MM-FC30861
£5.95 bottle £71 dozen

Merlot, Domaine du Bosc 2015
2015 was a lovely vintage throughout France and this southern merlot shows plenty of the ripe fruit flavours so typical of the vintage, without being heavy. Round enough to give enjoyment served on its own or with food. 13.5%
ref MM-FC30001
The £8 dozen saving comes courtesy of the supplier.
£6.25 bottle £67 special dozen price £5.58 equivalent bottle price £8 SAVING PER DOZEN

The Society’s French Full Red, Côtes Catalanes
This comes from the heart of the Roussillon in the valley of the river Agly and is a blend, mostly of carignan and grenache. Solidly full-bodied with an abundance of ripe-fruit flavours and great value for money. 14%
ref MM-FC371
£6.25 bottle £75 dozen

Pinot Noir, IGP Pays d’Oc, Jacques Dépagneux 2015
The Aude Valley, upstream from Carcassonne, is a fertile place for sourcing fruity wines in the Languedoc. The climate here is just that little bit cooler even in the height of summer. Pinot noir is a favoured grape and shows well in this inexpensive, bright, cherry-infused example. 13%
ref MM-FC29881
£6.50 bottle £78 dozen

Terre de Mes Ancêtres, Cité de Carcassonne 2015
Delightfully fruity cabernet-merlot blend from outside the walls of Carcassonne. Perfect everyday-drinking red that is round and instantly appealing. 14.5%
ref MM-FC30271
£6.50 bottle £78 dozen

Château Ollieux Romanis’ vineyard, producer of The Society’s Corbières

Côtes du Roussillon Villages, Chapelle de Pêna 2014
This comes from the same supplier as our French Full Red. The difference is in the origins of the grapes, from better vineyards, and a higher proportion of syrah. This is full-bodied and spicy. 14.5%
ref MM-FC30361
£6.95 bottle £83 dozen

KEY
1 - 1 bone dry to intensely sweet 3 screwcap 5 synthetic closure
3 new vintage 6 red 8 white
5 sparkling
WHERE A LITTLE MORE MONEY GOES A LONG WAY

In this part of France paying a little more is usually well rewarded. Better, often steeper slopes and lower yields from older vines usually mean more concentration and greater intensity. And there are a number of talented growers able to exploit the vast resources of the Languedoc to produce hand-crafted wines of excellent quality. Here is a selection from top estates, roughly following a line from west to east.

**LIMOUX**

Influences from both the Atlantic and Pyrenees make Limoux a little cooler and wetter than other southern regions and so is ideal for sparkling wine. Many think that bubbles originated here long before they did further north in Champagne.

**NEW Blanquette de Limoux Réserve, Antech 2014**

From the world’s first sparkling wine region, this is a dry, crisp, and fruity fizz made from the local mauzac grape. There’s a hint of apple on the light and refreshing finish. Ideal for parties. 12%

ref MM-SG2111
£9.50 bottle £114 dozen
Introductory Offer Price
£7.95 bottle £95 dozen
Offer Ends 30th October 2016

**EVERYDAY WHITES**

**Les Pierres Bordes Marsanne-Viognier 2015**

These two Rhône grapes flourish further south on the Minervois/Saint-Chinian border especially in the excellent 2015 vintage. Wonderfully fresh, round and fruity. 12.5%

ref MM-FC30211
£5.95 bottle £71 dozen

**Grenache Blanc, Pays d’Oc, Domaine du Bosc 2015**

Grenache blanc is dry yet quite round, refreshing and full-flavoured with a touch of wild herbs. This is a versatile everyday white, for dishes such as chicken risotto. 12%

ref MM-FC29761
£6.25 bottle £75 dozen

**The Society’s French Dry White 2015**

The Bésinet family have taken advantage of improving to this popular blend. Marsanne, roussanne and sauvignon provide the base and the wines have spent longer on their lees for added flavour. Dry, refreshing and deliciously fruity. 12%

ref MM-FC29581
£6.25 bottle £75 dozen

**Pèlerin Blanc Pays de Caux, Chartreuse de Mougères 2015**

The Mougères site was once occupied by a Roman villa which surely would have had vines and olives growing as it does today. Nicolas de Saint Exupéry owns the vineyard and together we made up this blend of vermentino and sauvignon with a touch of muscat. Fragrant, dry and refreshing. 13%

ref MM-FC30201
£6.50 bottle £78 dozen

**Sauvignon de l’Arjolle, Côtes de Thongue 2015**

A masterclass in sauvignon with both sauvignon blanc and gris used in the blend. Sauvignon gris adds extra depth and more aroma. Lovely and fresh with a hint of elderflower. 12%

ref MM-FC29571
£7.75 bottle £93 dozen

**TOP LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON ESTATE WHITES**

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

Languedoc, Pourquoi Pas, Chateau de Valfaunés 2015
La Clape Arpège, Château Rouquette-Sur-Mer, 2015
Corbières Blanc, Chateau de Caraguilhes 2015
Faugères Blanc Cistus, Château La Liquiere 2015
Domaine Jones Blanc, Grenache Gris Côtes Catalanes 2014
Limoux Dédicace, Château Rives Blanques 2015

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A stunning, fruity dry still wine from an estate that has earned a reputation for its still wines. 100% chenin blanc, this is rich and full yet elegant. Good with or without food. Now to 2018. 13%

ref MM-FC31011
£11.50 bottle £138 dozen

 Crémant De Limoux Brut, Domaine De Mouscaillo NV
Marie-Claire and Pierre Fort, after many years in the Loire, returned to their roots in Limoux to create a tiny, bijou-sized estate in a perfect location at altitude. Their sparkling Limoux is made principally from chardonnay, fermented in cask, and is full-bodied and rich. 13%

ref MM-SG1781
£14.50 bottle £174 dozen

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CORBIÈRES, FITOU AND MINERVOIS
The often arid, rugged interior is Cathar castle and cassoulet country, with wines to match!

Fitou Origines, Domaine-Bertrand Bergé 2014
A mountain Fitou made mainly from carignan. Strong, full-bodied and richly flavoured, and from one of the top producers in the appellation with a reputation for making wines with finesse. 14.5%
ref MM-FC29921
£8.95 bottle  £107 dozen

Corbières Rouge, Domaine du Trillol 2012
Exceptional quality here from the southern and wildest part of Corbières dominated by lofty crags and eyrie-like castles. Ben Sichel divides his time between here and Angludet in Margaux, and the Bordelais expertise is used to full advantage in the judicious barrel ageing. A full-bodied red perfectly suited to go with a rib of beef. 13.5%
ref MM-FC30971
£9.95 bottle  £119 dozen

Corbières Blanc, Château de Caraguilhès 2015
An outstanding white made from marsanne, roussanne and a little grenache, aged in oak for a few weeks. This is dry but full, herby and long. Perfect on its own or with fish. Now to 2019. 13.5%
ref MM-FC30731
£10.95 bottle  £131 dozen

Minervois La Livinière Cuvée Cantilène, Château Sainte-Eulalie 2014
Elegance and refinement can be applied to this top cuvée from an outstanding estate in Minervois. This is dark and fruity with just a touch of oak, enough to add polish and complexity. Now to 2020. 14.5%
ref MM-FC30771
£12.50 bottle  £150 dozen

ROUSSILLON
The deep south, close to Spain and often Catalan in spirit, produces full, sun-kissed, generous wines.

Côtes du Roussillon Villages, Domaine de Rancy 2013
Made from a 50:50 blend of mourvèdre and carignan, this is an impressive full-flavoured red with old-vine concentration to accentuate the ripe notes of fig, blackberry and herbs. Now to 2020. 14.5%
ref MM-FC31021
£11.50 bottle  £138 dozen

Domaine Jones Red, Grenache Noir, Côtes Catalanes 2014
A warm-hearted red from the slope above the village of Maury that’s ripe and well-rounded with a touch of spice. Now to 2024. 13.5%
ref MM-FC31101
£11.95 bottle  £143 dozen

Muscat de Rivesaltes, Domaine Bertrand-Bergé 2014
Delicious grapy, sweet yet refreshing dessert muscat. Perfect with plum pudding or fruit salad. 16%
ref MM-FC29301
£12.50 bottle  £150 dozen

Domaine Jones Blanc, Grenache Gris Côtes Catalanes 2014
A lovely, full-flavoured dry white from sun-kissed slopes in the Roussillon. Grenache gris has always been highly praised for its grip. This one is herby too with just a hint of roundness. Now to 2018. 13.5%
ref MM-FC28181
£13.50 bottle  £162 dozen

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12 BOTTLES OR IF YOUR ORDER IS £75 OR MORE

Côtes du Roussillon Villages Tautavel, Clos des Vignes, Domaine Gardiès 2013
Full-bodied, barrel-aged, fruity grenache-dominant red from vines grown at high altitude. Well balanced, round with flavours of fig, herb and a little spice. Now to 2019. 14%
ref MM-FC29861
£16 bottle  £192 dozen

Collioure, Majenca, Domaine Madeloc 2012
Ripe and sumptuous red from seaside Collioure. Jeanne Gaillard allowed us to make our blend using one of the only two barrels of carignan she made in 2012. Now to 2024. 13.5%
ref MM-FC25791
£16 bottle  £192 dozen

TOP LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON ESTATES REDS
A six-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:

Faugères Premières, Domaine Alquier 2014
Fitou Origines, Domaine Bertrand-Berge 2014
Minervois La Livinière Cuvée Cantilène, Château Sainte-Eulalie 2014
La Clape Rouge, Château Rouquette-sur-Mer 2013
Côtes du Roussillon Villages Tautavel, Clos des Vignes, Domaine Gardiès 2013
Montpeyroux La Pimpanela, Domaine La Jasse-Castel 2013

ref MM-MX16203
Domaine La Croix Belle, Champ du Coq 2014
A deliciously fruity and elegant blend of grenache and syrah from the Côtes de Thongue area of the central Languedoc near Béziers. 13.5%
ref MM-FC30321
£8.50 dozen £102 dozen

Languedoc, Pourquoi Pas, Château de Valflaunès 2015
A dry, herby white from Pic Saint-Loup. Marsanne and roussanne provide the base but 15% vermentino marks the wine with its fragrant, ripe-fruit flavours. This is refreshing and flavoursome yet not heavy. Now to 2018. 13%
ref MM-FC30961
£10.50 bottle £126 dozen

Montpeyroux, home of Domaine La Jasse-Castel

Faugères Blanc Cistus, Château La Liquiere 2015
Liquière is one of the oldest estates in Faugères with a tradition of outstanding reds down the years. Yet white wines have also been important here too, with some vines almost as old as their legendary carignan. Very full-bodied, herby yet not without freshness. The roussanne grape dominates. Now to 2019. 14%
ref MM-FC30991
£12.95 bottle £155 dozen

Faugères Premières, Domaine Alquier 2014
Domaine Alquier is the top estate in Faugères making very refined reds from syrah and grenache. This comes from younger vines and is fruity, in a northern Rhône style, so balanced with a touch of spice and black cherry, and a long fine finish. Now to 2018. 14%
ref MM-FC30611
£12.95 bottle £155 dozen

La Clape Rouge, Château Rouquette-sur-Mer 2013
The vineyards of La Clape are right by the sea and benefit from sea breezes which are the main source of moisture to an area with low rainfall. The best wines have a little bit of freshness as in this full and spicy carignan/syrah-dominated red. Now to 2019. 13.5%
The 2014 follows
ref MM-FC28921
£10.95 bottle £131 dozen

La Clape Arpège, Château Rouquette-Sur-Mer 2015
With grip from bourboulenc and roussanne for body and flavour; this is bone dry, vibrant and fruity with real length of flavour; perfect with food but refreshing enough to be enjoyed on its own, perhaps with a few green olives on the side. Now to 2019. 13.5%
ref MM-FC30441
£10.95 bottle £131 dozen

Massif Central: Heading to the Hills

North towards the hills of the Massif Central and the lure of Roquefort cheese.

Montpeyroux La Pimpanela, Domaine La Jasse-Castel 2013
Lovely damson fruit, ripe, generous yet balanced too. Pascale Rivière has invested heavily in the vineyard. This is a lovely, fruity, full-on red. Drink this year and next. 14.5%
ref MM-FC28751
£10.95 bottle £131 dozen

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EVERYDAY LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON REDS CASE

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

Domaine la Croix Belle, Champ du Coq 2014
Minervois, Château Sainte-Eulalie 2015
The Society’s Corbières 2014
Domaine de Gournier Cévennes Rouge 2015
Côtes du Roussillon Villages, Chapelle de Pêna 2014
Cabardés, Château de Pennautier 2014

£89

ref MM-MX16199

EVERYDAY LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON WHITES CASE

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

Les Pierres Bordes Marsanne-Viognier 2015
The Society’s French Dry White 2015
Pèlerin Blanc Pays de Caux, Chartreuse de Mougères 2015
Picpoul de Pinet, Domaine Félines-Jourdan 2015
La Clape Arpège, Château Rouquette-Sur-Mer 2015
Sauvignon de l’Arjolle, Côtes de Thongue 2015

£89

ref MM-MX16200

LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON MIXED DOZEN

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

RED
Minervois, Château Sainte-Eulalie 2015
The Society’s Corbières 2014
Merlot, Domaine du Bosc 2015
The Society’s French Full Red, Côtes Catalanes
Côtes du Roussillon Villages, Chapelle de Pêna 2014
Pinot Noir, IGP Pays d’Oc, Jacques Dépagnieux 2015

WHITE
Picpoul de Pinet Domaine Félines Jourdan 2015
Les Pierres Bordes Marsanne-Viognier 2015
The Society’s French Dry White 2015
Pèlerin Blanc Pays de Caux, Chartreuse de Mougères 2015
La Clape Arpège, Château Rouquette-Sur-Mer, 2015

SPARKLING
Blanquette de Limoux Réserve Antech 2014

£65

ref MM-MX16202

EXPLORING THE ROUSSILLON MIXED CASE

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

The Society’s French Full Red, Côtes Catalanes
Côtes du Roussillon Villages, Chapelle de Pêna 2014
Fitou Origines, Domaine Bertrand Berge 2014
Côtes du Roussillon Villages Tautavel, Clos des Vignes, Domaine Gardés 2013
Collioure, Majenca, Domaine Madeloc 2012
Côtes du Roussillon Villages, Domaine de Rancy 2013

£89

ref MM-MX16204

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