



LANGUEDOC AOP WINES

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ELEMENTAL LANGUEDOC

It's no secret that the elements impact a wine; they are what define terroir. The unique collision of wind, sun, soil and sea in the Languedoc present an unexpected adventure for every wine lover. France's oldest (and newest) wine frontier is from the earth, of the earth, and offers a breathtaking landscape of wine discoveries.

Character and diversity are what make the AOP wines of Languedoc so exciting, but also difficult to distill into a short discussion. One way to think about the AOPs of Languedoc is to divide them into five groups defined by similar "elemental" features and wine styles.

THE MOUNTAINS

- More continental climates, closer to the Cévennes Mountain range. Marked by slightly higher rainfall and wider diurnal ranges
- Grape profiles also more closely resemble the nearby Rhone
- Beautifully structured wines, suitable for longer aging
- Examples include: Pic Saint Loup, Terrasses du Larzac, Faugères

THE COAST

- Strongly defined by Mediterranean climates
- Abundant sunshine, good winds and breezes, more even diurnal ranges
- Soils tend to produce softer, more lush wines
- Examples include: Picpoul de Pinet, La Clape, Grès de Montpellier

THE SOUTH

- Appellations are found in the southern end of the region
- Wines include the greatest amounts of indigenous or Mediterranean varieties, such as Carignan
- Examples include: Corbières, Corbières Boutenac, Fitou

THE CENTER

- Located in the center of the region
- Grapes include: Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Lledoner Pelut and some white varieties
- Examples include: Minervois, Saint-Chinian, Minervois la Livinière, Saint-Chinian Berlou, Saint-Chinian Roquebrun





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THE WEST

- Situated in the western half of the region
- Showcase not only Continental climatic influences, but bear Atlantic influences as well
- More international varieties are found in these appellations than any others; examples include Merlot and Chardonnay
- Sparkling wines produced here
- Examples include: Limoux, Malepère, Cabardès

