

French Wine Tasting

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CALVET BRUT ROSÉ 2019 - Crémant de Bordeaux

90% Cabernet Franc & 10% Merlot

Jean Marie Calvet destiny was born in 1799 in a small village near Tain l'Hermitage, he grew up there, in one of the most significant French wine area: the Rhône valley. During his childhood, he gave very often a hand to his father, Pierre Calvet, in the family-owned vineyards instead of playing with boys of his age. He confirmed his passion for wine at the age of 19 when he decided to set up the Calvet Company and travelled through France to learn from each wine area and to become an uncontested wine expert. The grapes manually harvested in small boxes, pressed and settled. The vinification follows the traditional method: first the juice is fermented at low temperature to preserve the freshness of the sparkling. Then when the wine is bottle, the second fermentation begins and lasts 9 months. This step transforms wine in sparkling wine. Calvet Brut Rosé is a sparkling wine from the Crémant de Bordeaux appellation and made with the *méthode champenoise*. Bordeaux has produced sparkling wines for well over 100 years, but the appellation Crémant de Bordeaux, was not made official until 1990. Production remains relatively small as only about 500 acres in the entire region of Bordeaux are devoted to producing crémants.



JADIX 2021 - AOC Picpoul de Pinet

100% Piquepoul - 100% VEGAN

Jadix is an extraordinary white wine made from the Picpoul (or "piquepoul") grape cultivated in an area stretching along the string of lakes that make up the Thau lagoon, and bound by the ancient fishing villages of Agde, Pézenas and Sète. These "marine" vineyards are among the oldest in the Mediterranean. Because of their prized location close to the sea, the Jadix vineyards are planted on a plateau of fossilized oyster beds, limestone, gravel and quartz soil and benefit from a sunny and dry climate tempered with the breezes from the Mediterranean. An elaborate subsoil network of fresh water and salt water conduits under the vineyards nourish the vines and contribute to the unique flavor of Jadix. *Clear yellow colour with green highlights. Intense fruity bouquet of citrus and exotic fruits. Fresh in the mouth with good acidity and the unique hint of salinity typical of Picquepoul.*



Green apples, lemons, fresh pears and wet stones on the nose. Medium-bodied with vibrant acidity and a bright, fresh and clean palate. Pretty mineral notes. 100% picpoul. Drink now. Screw cap.

LAROQUE CHARDONNAY 2021 - IGP Cite de Carcassonne

100% Chardonnay

Laroque is made from historical vineyards in the ancient region of Carcassonne that produce an extraordinary and unique wine made from 100% Chardonnay. Laroque (from the latin *roqua*) derives its name from the Menhirs (a single standing stone that dates back to the middle of the Bronze Age like Stonehenge) which are found around Carcassonne. During the Middle Ages, the vineyards belonged to the Bishop of Carcassonne, who was renowned for making the best wines in the region. Local legend has it that the devil, upset with the Bishop of Carcassonne for stealing his "clients," tried to stone the Bishop with giant rocks. Following the attack, the Bishop constructed the fortress of Cazilhac with these Menhirs and marked the event by placing a cross on the last remaining Menhir. After this, processions were undertaken around this oratory and all the parcels of vines that surrounded it, including those of Laroque, in order to ward off the devil. The soil on which the vines are planted date back to the pre-historic Jurassic Period. Recent excavations have uncovered brontosaurus dinosaur bones and fossilized dinosaur eggs. The vineyards are producing exceptional Chardonnay that rivals Chablis and other wines from Burgundy region in crispness, structure & minerality.



Fresh pears, apricots, lemons and apple blossoms on the nose. Medium-bodied with fresh acidity and a creamy, succulent and fruity palate. Smooth and caressing.



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CHÂTEAU HAUT PEYRUGUET ROUGE 2019 - AOC Bordeaux Rouge

80% Merlot & 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

Château Haut Peyruguet is located in Soussac, on the eastern part of the Entre-Deux-Mers regions. The 80-hectare estate has belonged to the Jolivet family for 4 generations. Jean-Marc and Catherine took over the management of the property in 1981. A dynamic and innovative couple, the Jolivet's have modernized and expanded the facility. They are personally involved in each stage of the winemaking - from the viticulture until final bottling. In 1999, in association with other local estates, they spearheaded the construction of a water-treatment facility in order to preserve the quality of what they cherish most: the Soussac. In 2004, the Jolivet's were one of the first Bordeaux estates to introduce screw caps. The estate produces a Bordeaux Red, Bordeaux White and a Rosé. *A beautiful ruby purple color with hints of raspberry. The nose reveals a powerful and flattering aroma of red fruits, pretty floral notes, and spicy sweet mint. On the palate, it is fleshy, round, supple, and fruity with ripe tannins and a long, fresh finish."*



This shows lots of fruit and walnut character with some chocolate. It's medium-bodied with lovely, integrated tannins and a juicy finish. Drink now.



CHÂTEAU LA FREYNELLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019 - AOC Bordeaux Rouge

100% Cabernet Sauvignon - 100% SUSTAINABLE

Château La Freynelle is a 75 hectare estate in the village of Daignac, in the heart of the Entre-Deux-Mers region of Bordeaux. In 1789, Jean Barthe settled in the Entre-Deux-Mers region of Bordeaux and planted his first vines. For seven generations, Chateau La Freynelle was passed on from father to son. In 1992, Véronique Barthe, the first daughter born into the family since the French Revolution, inherited the family domain. Only 22 years old when she took over management of the estate, Véronique has used her personal feminine touch and vast expertise acquired during the past 26 years to perfect Chateau La Freynelle. To take her wines to the highest level possible, Véronique has been working for the past 4 years with the star consultant enologist Stephane Toutoundji on her viticultural practices and vinification. Chateau La Freynelle is today one of the top 5 Bordeaux wines from the Entre-Deux-Mers regions in its price category and garners international and domestic accolades every year. Aquitaine Wine launched La Freynelle in the USA market in 2000, and it is now available in 47 states of the USA.



Blackcurrant, dried-herb, charred-wood and green-peppercorn aromas. It's medium-bodied with firm, fine tannins. Fresh, medium finish. Drink or hold.

CHÂTEAU COUTET 2020 - AOC Saint Emilion Grand Cru - 100% ORGANIC

60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon & 7% Malbec

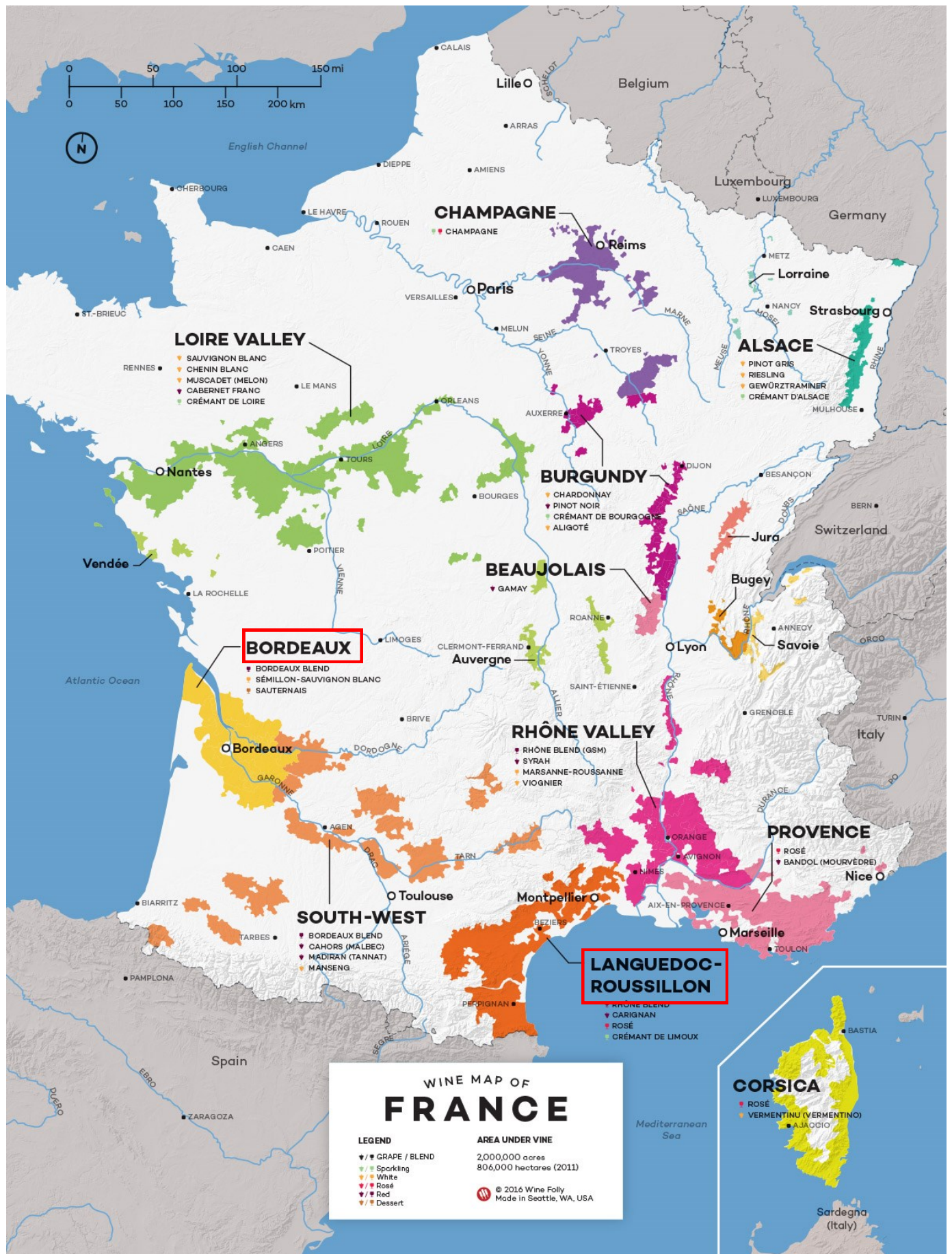
Château Coutet is one of the most exciting estates in the Aquitaine Wine Portfolio. Considered the best-kept secret in St. Emilion, it is a sleeping beauty that is in the process of being awakened. Well located in the heart of the golden triangle of St. Emilion, this estate of 13 hectares (in one plot) it is literally squeezed between 3 classified growths of St. Emilion: Château l'Angelus, Château Beausejour Becot and Chateau Beausejour Duffau Lagarosse. Not surprisingly, Coutet has the terroir of a grand cru classé (it was a classified growth in the beginning of the 20th century. Coutet, which has been in the David-Beaulieu family since 1537, was inherited by the present owners, when their 100 year old aunt passed away in the 1990s. The pureness of this estate is so remarkable, that it is the home of rare tulips - that date back to the Roman times - and can only be found in the Coutet vineyards. Enjoy it now - before the rest of the world discovers it!!!



The estate has belonged to the Beaulieu family for four centuries. This latest release is a smooth, luxurious wine, with fully integrated tannins and spicy black fruits. Drink from 2024. Organic.



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