



HISTORIC & LEGENDARY VINEYARD

Situated between 250 and 500 meters above sea level, the Limouxin wine region branded as "Limoux, Vineyard of History and Legend" offers a preserved natural setting, marked by the commitment of its winegrowers and producers, the majority of whom are committed to organic or sustainable culture.

Centered around the labels "AOP Limoux" and "IGP Haute-Vallée de l'Aude", the region is the cradle of sparkling wine know-how confirmed by an authenticated document from 1544 mentioning the "Blanquette de Limoux". The Limouxin vineyard also produces excellent still wines.

We therefore invite you to treat your taste buds and come meet our winegrowers and ambassadors who are passionate about this territory!

"Vignobles & Découvertes" is a national label issued for a period of 3 years. It is awarded to tourist and wine-growing destinations offering a range of quality, diversified and complementary products and services focused around wine production and tourism. A tool for structuring and professionalizing the sector, the label allows for those interested to connect with the producers who work to promote the sector.

This brochure will guide you to discover the professionals who work passionately to promote their territory and share their know-how for an enriching and successful stay in our Limouxin wine region.

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.

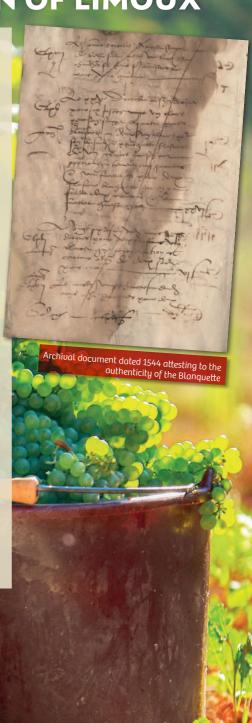
Hence the world's first sparkling wine was born in the Limoux wine region, in the magnificent abbey whose vertical walls of naturally earth toned stones complement the perfect geometry of the horizontal rows in the surrounding vineyards.

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"

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).

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Saint-Couat-du-Razès

La Digne-d'Amont

Villelongue-d'Aude Ajac



CARCASSONNE

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.

Haute Vallée

An altitude upwards Campagne-sur-Aud of 300 metres with an average precipitation of 750mm/ year. This is the region of choice for chardonnay and 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 • Yellow roses in the vineyards of the "Terroir d'Autan"

QUILLAN

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

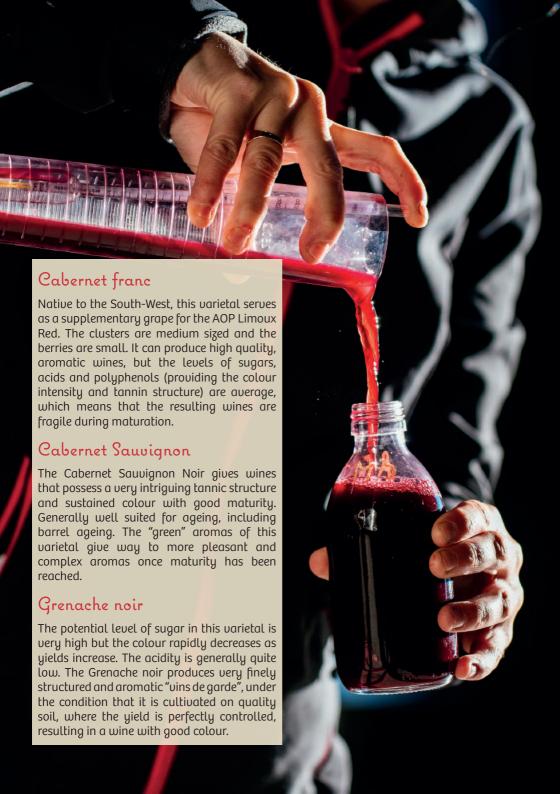
A Bordelais varietal, Merlot is the major grape in the blending of the AOP Limoux Red. The grape clusters are small or medium in size, and the berries medium sized. Black Merlot produces round, powerful wines, rich in alcohol and colour, relatively low in acidity. The full-bodied, structured wines these 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.



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 Cuvée" 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 manoeuvre 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.

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".

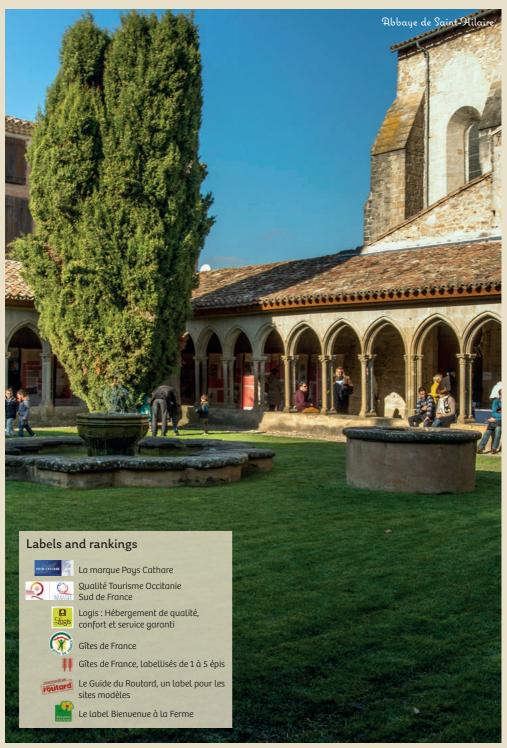
It is the Aude River, whose source is in the Pyrenees and which passes through the region, which gave its name to the IGP. The production area resembles a large amphitheatre around Limoux, all along its valley.

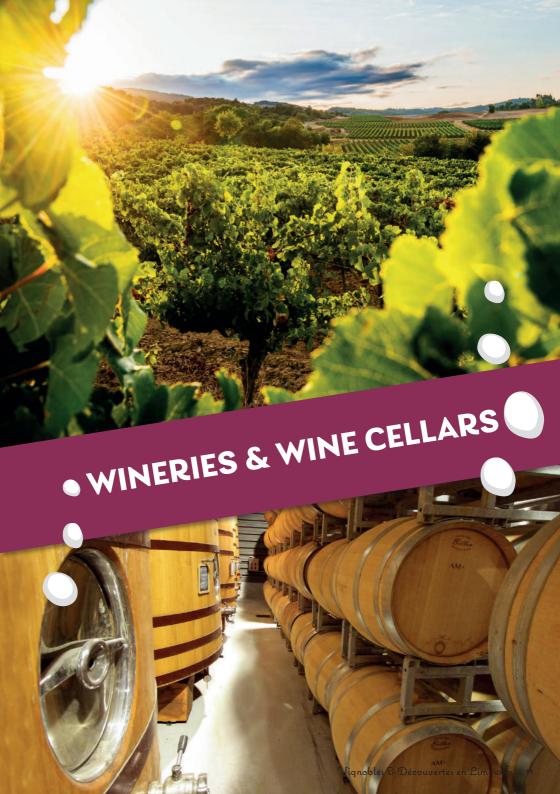
A number of grape varieties are grown under this appellation, including Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris Sauvignon, Viognier for whites and Pinot Meunier, Pinot Gris, Cabernet Franc for reds.

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.





Wineries & Wine Cellars

Château Rives Blanques



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Open all year















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 awardwinning wines in the company of their Anglo-Dutch owners.

Mineries & Mine Cellars Le Clos de Maro



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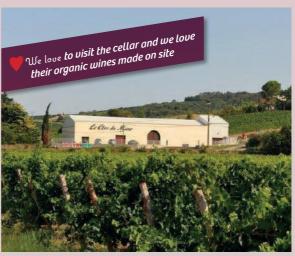












The estate, Clos de Maro, encompasses 25 hectares, cultivated organically since 2007. The harvest is both manual or mechanical according to the grape varieties. The wine is aged in either stainless steel tanks or, for some wines, French oak barrels. The estate produces single varietal wines of white, rosé and red which contain very little sulphites.



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 knowhow 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.

Wineries & Wine Cellars Domaine J. Laurens



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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.

Wineries & Wine Cellars Maison Guinot



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Wineries & Wine Cellars Sieur d'Arques



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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.

Wineries & Wine Cellars

Maison Salasar



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Founded in 1890, Maison Salasar is one of the oldest estates in the Limoux appellation. In Campagne-sur-Aude, its cellar is open to the public all year round and offers direct sales at the property, guided tours, tastings as well as its wine school.



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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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 Domaine Saint Jacques



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Wineries & Wine Cellars Anne de Joyeuse



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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.





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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 Domaine de Fourn



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Wineries & Wine Cellars

Domaine de Baronarques



Famille Rothschild

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Open all year Handicap access













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".

Wineries & Wine Cellars Domaine Cariven



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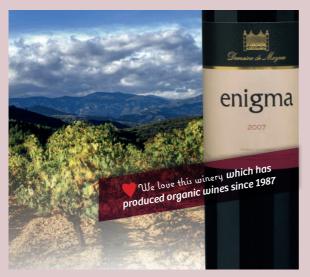








Winemakers for several generations, and heirs to an ancestral know-how, whose passion still remains today , the Cariven family will be delighted to welcome you to the cellars on their estate for a tasting of varietal and sparkling wines. Merlot, Syrah, Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Crémants, Blanquettes await your visit.



This particular cellar has the unique experience of 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.

Wineries & Wine Cellars Domaine de Mayrac



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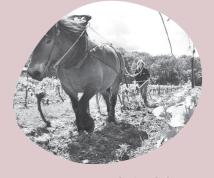






At the entrance to the Haute Vallée de l'Aude, this winery is worked with three draft horses by two young winemakers. Their 7 hectares of vines cultivated on stoney clay soil produce lively and taut wines in AOC Limoux and IGP Haute Vallée de l'Aude designations. Their organic wines are made from natural fermentation processes with indigenous yeasts, and low levels of sulphites.

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Wineries & Wine Cellars Clos Teisseire



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Open all year









Perched on the heights of Rouffiac d'Aude, the Clos Teisseire is an authentic little nest that touches the Pyrenean peaks. The vineyard on the hillsides extends over 11 hectares in the AOC Limoux and IGP Haute Vallée de l'Aude appellation. Laetitia decides to put her job as a nurse on hold to take over the family estate and devote herself to the profession of winegrower.

The vineyard manages a sustainable production based on the observation of the vegetation whilst respecting the environment. In consideration of a quality product, the harvest is manual and the grapes are collected in hoxes.

Wineries & Wine Cellars Antech



Famille Antech

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Maison Antech is a family adventure boasting 7 generations of passionate winegrowers since 1860. The estate navigates between tradition and experimentation, to offer through 15 unique cuvées, an ever more elegant expression of the 3 sparkling appellations of Limoux: Blanquette, Blanquette Ancestrale and Crémant de

Four grape varieties particularly thrive on the claylimestone hillsides: Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Pinot Noir and of course Mauzac. Exclusively manual harvesting, delicate pressing and long aging on slats are the DNA of the Maison Antech wines.



The Nicolas Therez vineyard was born from the complicity of the Therez and Caruso families. After converting the vineyard to organic production in 2008, Nicolas and Amandine started releasing their own bottles in partnership with a neighboring winemaker. The vineyard offers tastings, visits to the cellar, walks in the vineyard but also food and wine pairing tastings with their partner "L'Ancienne Cave"; bed and breakfast in Serres.

Wineries & Wine Cellars Vignoble Nicolas Therez



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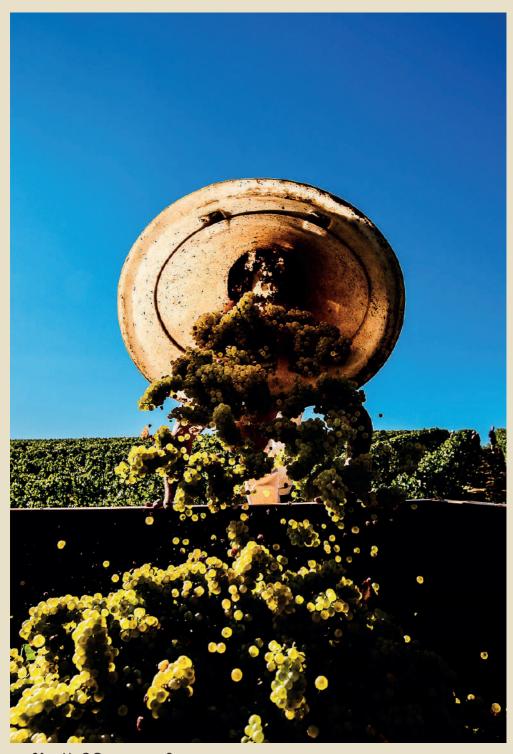
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Hotel MO.DERNE***



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Capacity: 13 rooms, 32 people Open all yea









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.

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.



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.

Hotel Château des Ducs de Ioveuse





Isabelle et Vincent Mourrisson



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









The Cartier Hotel has a real soul. Formerly an inn, it has belonged to the Cartier family for 4 generations. A family atmosphere that is sustained as renovations progress. Like his ancestors before him, Michel cultivates this authenticity which makes for the charm of his establishment. Located in the town of Quillan, it offers an ideal location to enjoy the cultural and historical wonders of Cathar Country.

Hotel Cartier***



Michel Cartier

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Capacity: 27 rooms Open from April to mid-November









Bed and Breakfast Nostra Demora



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Capacity: 3 rooms, 11 people













Nostra Demora is the fruit of two lovers of old stones and their territory. Charming bed and breakfast located in Cathar Country, Fabienne and José will gladly tell you the story of this fully renovated building with all the comforts you can dream of.

Bed and Breakfast

La Vigneronne



Mme Tisseire, mère et fille

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Capacity: 2 rooms, 5 people













Come and discover Marlène's guest rooms, located in the charming village of Villelongue d'Aude where you can enjoy the calm and the unobstructed view of the surrounding vineyards. In the vicinity many activities are available to you: hiking enthusiasts let yourself be guided by the marked trails of the region. Beautiful trails can also be explored by bike or motorbike. Marlène will gladly make you discover the wines of Limoux with a commented wine tasting.



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.

Bed and Breakfast Les Sittelles



Mr & Mme Audouy

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Capacity: 2 rooms, 6 people



Bed and Breakfast & Self-catering Rental



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.

Le Jardin de la Sals



Mr & Mme Dumas

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Capacity: 8 rooms, 23 people





Self-catering Rental

Domaine de la Monèze Basse



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Capacity: 4 apartments, 22 people





Founded in 2011 by Jeremy & Tania, to create an ideal vacation spot in the heart of Cathar Country, they offer four very comfortable, charming holiday cottages with a cosy atmosphere. Passionate about making people happy and finding ways to offer guests tailor-made holidays, they have further developed their capacities to provide personalized services. Discoveries by bike, hiking, wine tasting or even a day of yoga are just some of the services offered.



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.

Self-catering Rental Nostre Ostal



Mr & Mme Richeux

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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.

Self-catering Rental La Bastide Saint Étienne



Michel & Marie-Laure Delpech

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





Self-catering Rental L'Amandier et le Noisetier



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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











The cottages are located in a small village of character, nestled in guiet 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.

Self-catering Rental La Cave de Lami



Mr et Mme Denis et Manuela Faure 11300 LA DIGNE D'AVAL

+ 33 4 68 31 72 66

www.cavedelami.fr

Capacity: 10 people, 5 rooms

















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 m² patio, overlooks the Limouxin hills and the vineyard.



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.

Self-catering Rental Les Jendous



Aline Chadefaud

11190 RENNES LE CHATEAU

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w.gites-de-france.com/aude Capacity: 2 rooms, 4 people





500 meters from the small village 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...

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.



Self-catering Rental La Remise



11580 VERAZA

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Capacity: 4 rooms, 8 people Handicap access















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".

Self-catering Rental Le Vigneron



Mr Tricoire Didier

La Tuilerie 11190 CASSAIGNES

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

didier.tricoire@wanadoo.fr

Capacity: 4 people, 2 rooms





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.



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.

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

> Capacity: 64 sites, 21 mobile homes Open all year





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.

Camping Le Val d'Aleth**



Mr & Mme Delaporte

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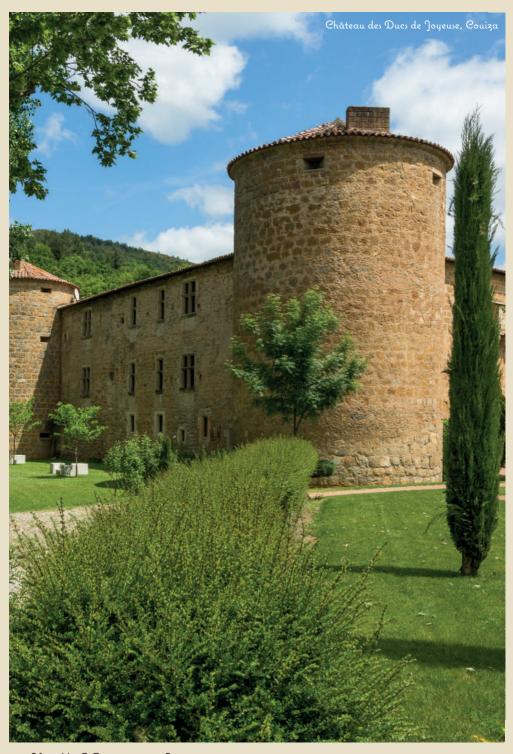
Capacity: 37 sites, 4 mobile homes, 4 bengalis Open from 02/01 to 23/12 Handicap access





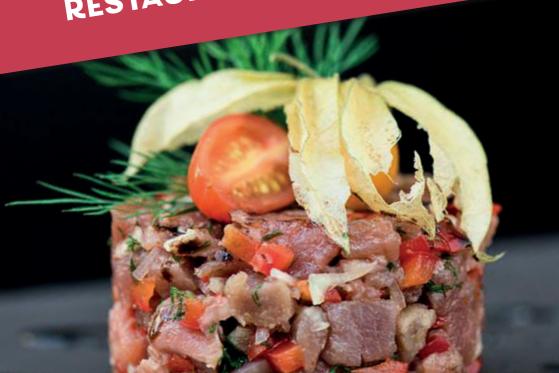






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Restaurant

La Cour des Ducs



Isabelle & Vincent Nourrisson

Allée Georges Roux 11190 COUÏZA

+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











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.

Restaurant

Restaurant Cartier



Michel Cartier

31 Bd Charles de Gaulle 11500 Quillan

+33 4 68 20 05 14

contact@hotelcartier.com www.hotelcartier.com

Capacity: 90 people Open from April to mid-November















The warm character of the establishment is reflected in the rustic and refined setting of the Cartier restaurant. Guests feel at home with all the local products and specialties that delight the taste buds. Here, we eat local: duck, foie gras, cassoulet, organic trout from Lac de Montbel, charcuterie from the Pays de Sault, veal from the Pyrenees, a wide choice of vegetable dishes and local wines to accompany your meal.



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.

Restaurant L'Odalisque



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



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.



Stéphane Castaing

1 Place du Général Leclerc 11300 LIMOUX

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hotelmodernepigeon@wanadoo.fr www.facebook.com/bistrono.ME.resto

> 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







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.

Bar à vin Le Vin Te 2



Pierre Jammes

Place de la République **11300 LIMOUX**

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Capacity: 50 people Open all year Handicap access









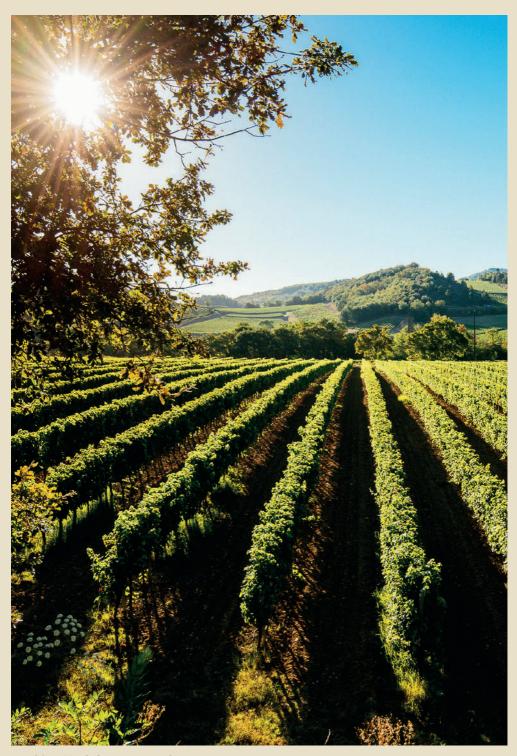


A charming wine bar, run by a native "Limouxin" and centrally located in the "Place de la République" in Limoux, features a regularly updated menu of tapas. The menu also includes an impressive list of still and sparkling wines.





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Heritage 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...

Heritage Abbaye de Saint Hilaire



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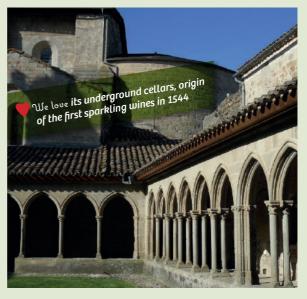
abbayedesthilaire@orange.fr www.saint-hilaire-aude.fr

Open all year except from 16/12 to 22/12, Christmas and the 1st 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.



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.

Musée Petiet



32 promenade du Tivoli 11304 LIMOUX

+33 9 63 68 34 54

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

Handicap access





We love the auditorium where classical concerts are held

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

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





Heritage Abbaye d'Alet les Bains



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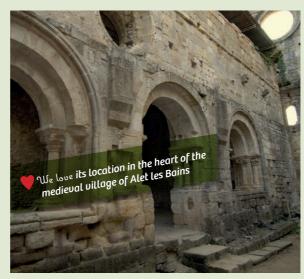
Open from 01/04 to 31/10











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.

Heritage Donjon d'Arques



11190 ARQUES

+33 4 68 69 84 77

communedarques@orange.fr www.arques.wixsite.com/arques-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







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

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

Heritage Musée Déodat Roché



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









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.

Heritage 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 26th to the end of the Christmas holidays









Activities 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











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.

Activities

Canoë Kayak Limoux



Sylvain Sapède

2 bis rue des Violettes **11300 LIMOUX**

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info@canoelimoux.fr www.canoelimoux.fr

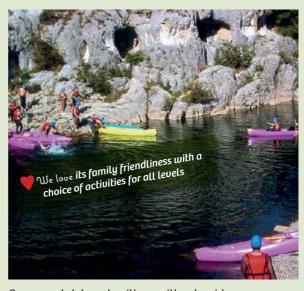
Open all year











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.



In Sougraigne, on the Domaine de l'Eau Salée, discover the 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.

Hiking 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









At the foot of the Pic de Brau, which stands at 654 m, in the Corneilla valley, discover the history of two villages joined by a 6 km hiking trail. Cabins built on the edge of the vineyards, renovated by the winegrowers plus on average fifty volunteers, watch over this territory steeped in history.

Walk Chemin des Cabanes



Start from MAGRIE or COURNANEL

Guided tour: +33 6 08 97 18 34

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Accommodation (Hotels from 2 to 5 stars, cottages, guest rooms).

Gastronomy.

Day tours for Works Councils, 3rd Age Associations.



THE MAIN EVENTS



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!

Limouxin Tourist Office Tél.: +33 4 68 31 11 82 www.limouxin-tourisme.fr

Bubbles and Lights Sparkling Workshop

Maison Guinot, Limoux – toute l'année
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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. You can also savour the estate's
Blanquette and Crémant de Limoux (AOP), the
oldest sparkling wines in the world.

The estate also offers full day or half-day workshops where you will learn the techniques of tasting, winemaking and blending accompanied by dishes or meals depending on the workshop chosen.

Tel. +33 4 68 31 01 33 www.atelierdesbulles.fr contact@atelierdesbulles.fr www.bullesetlumieres.fr info@bullesetlumieres.fr





Rendez-vous of Organic

Wwines from Aude

St. Hilaire - novembre

Biocivam 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

Les villages du Limouxin – Week-end des Rameaux

"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'Araues since 1990.

www.sieurdarques.com



Atelier des Vignerons

Limoux

Because wine tells a story and accompanies encounters and meetings, the winegrowers' workshop organizes monthly tastings in the presence of winegrowers or professionals from the world of wine.

In a relaxed atmosphere, these tastings are an opportunity to learn more about the art of tasting and the wines and the territory of Languedoc-Roussillon.

Tasting evenings take place at the Atelier des Vignerons. Wines, dishes specially prepared and entertainment.

Reservations

Tél. : +33 4 68 20 12 42

contact@atelier-des-vignerons.com www.atelier-des-vignerons.com



Vineyard Walk of the Abbey of Saint Hilaire

Saint Hilaire - June to September

Every Friday morning from June to September, a team of enthusiasts welcomes you to

help you discover the history of this wine-growing village, the cradle of the oldest "brut" in the world, Saint Hilaire.

On the program, guided walk in the historic center of the village, a hike through the vineyards and discovery of the children's vineyard. Descent to the abbey and guided tour of the monument.

Tasting of wines from the Anne de Joyeuse cellar and winegrower's meal.

Reservations:

abbayedesthilaire@wanadoo.fr

Tél.: +33 4 68 69 62 76



The Walk of the Domaine de Flandry

Limoux - June to September

Every Thursday morning from June to September, a team welcomes you to discover a part of the history of Limoux and the Sieur d'Arques cellar, these sparkling and still wines, its heritage through the unusual estate of Flandry, a real treasure in the heart of the town.

On the program, hike to the Flandry estate through the pars of hundred-year-old trees, discovery of the plantation of truffle oaks, climb to the Mauzac conservatory, country breakfast at the estate in the Toques and Clochers vineyards, cellar visit and tasting.

Reservations: barc@sieurdarques.com

Tél.: +33 4 68 74 63 45



The Winegrowers Walk

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.

Réservation Obligatoire Tél. +33 4 68 31 15 03 robert.blanguette@wanadoo.fr





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