

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
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Pays d'Oc

PRODUCT CATEGORY

Wine

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

France

APPLICANT

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PROTECTION IN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Date of protection in the European Union: 17 March 1987

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Quality still and sparkling red, rosé, white, gris and gris de gris wines made from overripe grapes.

• **Raw Material**

Varieties:

Muscat à Petits Grains Rouges	Muscat à Petits Grains Blancs	Sauvignon Gris G
Cot N	Chardonnay B	Gamay N
Vermentino B	Riesling B	Gewürztraminer Rs
Bourboulenc B	Chasan B	Sauvignon B
Mourvedre N	Altesse B	Alicante Henri
Negrette N	Grenache N	Bouschet N
Nielluccio N	Chenanson N	Grenache Blanc
Viognier B	Chenin B	Cinsaut N
Muscat de Hambourg N	Gros Manseng B	Clairette B
Petit Manseng B	Carmenere N	Clairette Rose Rs
Muscat d'Alexandrie B	Terret Blanc B	Ugni Blanc B
	Grenache Gris	Roussanne B
		Colombard B

Syrah N	Piquepoul Blanc B	Mauzac B
Cabernet-Sauvignon N	Marselan N	Pinot Blanc B
Sylvaner B	Marsanne B	Tempranillo N
Merlot N	Petit Verdot N	Carignan Blanc B
Pinot Noir N	Morristel N	Macabeu B
Sémillon B	Pinot Gris G	Carignan N
Cabernet Franc N	Mondeuse N	Portan N

- **Alcohol content:**

Min 10%

- **Physical Appearance**

Red, rosé, white, gris and gris de gris wines

DESCRIPTION OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

For still wines with the 'Pays d'Oc' Protected Geographical Indication, the harvesting of the grapes and the production and blending of the wine take place in the departments of Aude, Gard, Hérault and Pyrénées-Orientales, as well as in the following municipalities of the department of Lozère: Ispagnac, Montbrun, Quézac, Sainte-Enimie, La Malène, Les Vignes.

For quality sparkling wines with the 'Pays d'Oc' Protected Geographical Indication, the harvesting of the grapes and the production and blending of the wine take place in the departments of Gard, Hérault and Pyrénées-Orientales, as well as in the following municipalities of the department of:

Lozère: Ispagnac, Montbrun, Quézac, Sainte-Enimie, La Malène, Les Vignes.

Aude: Aigues-Vives, Airoux, Alaigne, Alairac, Albas, Albières, Alzonne, Aragon, Argeliers, Argens-Minervois, Armissan, Arques, Arquettes-en-Val, Artigues, Arzens, Aunat, Auriac, Axat, Azille, Badens, Bages, Bagnoles, Baraigne, Barbaira, Belcaire, Belcastel-et-Buc, Belflou, Belfort Sur Rebenty, Bellegarde-du-Razès, Belpesch, Belvèze-du-Razès, Belvianes-et-Cavirac, Belvis, Berriac, Bessède-de-Sault, Bizanet, Bize-Minervois, Blomac, Bouilhonnac, Bouisse, Bourigeole, Boutenac, Bram, Brenac, Brézilhac, Brousses-et-Villaret, Brugairolles, Bugarach, Cabrespine, Cahuzac, Cailla, Cailhau, Cailhavel, Cambieure, Campagna-de-Sault, Camplong-d'Aude, Camps-sur-l'Agly, Camurac, Canet, Capendu, Carcassonne, Carlipa, Cascastel-des-Corbières, Castans, Castelnau-d'Aude, Castelnaudary, Caudebronde, Caudeval, Caunes-Minervois, Caunette-sur-Lauquet, Caunettes-en-Val, Caux-et-Sauzens, Cavanac, Caves, Cazalrenoux, Cazilhac, Cenne-Monestiés, Chalabre, Citou, Clermont-sur-Lauquet, Comigne, Comus, Conilhac-Corbières, Conques-sur-Orbiel, Corbières, Counozouls, Coudons, Couffoulens, Coursan, Courtauly, Coustouge, Cruscades, Cubières-sur-Cinoble, Cucugnan, Cumiès, Cuxac-Cabardès, Cuxac-d'Aude, Davejean, Dernacueillette, Donazac, Douzens, Duilhac-sous-Peyrepertuse, Durban-Corbières, Embres-et-Castelmaure, Escales, Escouloubre, Escueillens-et-Saint-Just-de-Beleng, Espezel, Fabrezan, Fajac-en-Val, Fajac-la-Rellenque, Fanjeaux, Félines-Termenès, Fendeille, Fenouillet-du-Razès, Ferrals-les-Corbières, Ferran, Feuilla, Fitou, Fleury, Floure, Fontcouverte, Fontanès-de-Sault, Fonters-du-Razès, Fontiers-Cabardès, Fontièsd'Aude, Fontjoncouse, Fournes-Cabardès, Fourtou, Fraisse-Cabardès, Fraissedes-Corbières, Galinagues, Gaja-la-Selve, Generville, Gincla, Ginestas, Ginoles, Gourvieille, Gramazie, Granès, Greffeil, Gruissan, Gueytes-et-Labastide, Homps, Hounoux, Issel, Jonquières, Joucou, La Bezole, La Cassaigne, La Courtète, La Fajeolle, La Force, La Louvière-Lauragais, La Palme, La Pomarède, La Redorte, La Tourette-Cabardès, Labastide-d'Anjou, Labastide-en-Val, Labastide-Esparbairénque, Labécède-Lauragais, Lacombe, Lafage, Lagrasse, Lairière, Lanet, Laprade, Laroque-de-Fa, Lasbordes, Lasserre-de-Prouille, Lastours, Laurabuc, Laurac, Lauraguel, Laure-Minervois, Lavalette, Les Brunels, Bousquet, Le Clat, Les Casses, Les Ilhes, Les Martyrs, Lespinassière, Leuc, Leucate, Lézignan-Corbières, Lignairolles, Limousis, Luc-sur-Orbieu, Mailhac, Maisons, Malves-en-Minervois, Malviès, Marcorignan, Marquein, Marsa, Marseillette, Mas-Cabardès, Mas-des-Cours,

Mas-Sainte-Puelles, Massac, Mayreville, Mayronnes, Mazerolles-du-Razès, Mazuby, Merrial, Mézerville, Miraval-Cabardès, Mirepeisset, Mireval-Lauragais, Missègre, Molandier, Molleville, Montauriol, Montbrun-des-Corbières, Montclar, Montferrand, Montfort-sur-Boulsane, Montgaillard, Montgradail, Monthaut, Montirat, Montjardin, Montjoi, Montlaur, Montmaur, Montolieu, Montréal, Montredon-des-Corbières, Montséret, Monze, Moussan, Moussoulens, Mouthoumet, Moux, Narbonne, Nébias, Nébian, Niort-de-Sault, Ornaisons, Orsans, Ouveillan, Padern, Palairac, Palaja, Paraza, Payra-sur-l'Hers, Paziols, Pech-Luna, Pécharic-et-le-Py, Pennautier, Pépieux, Pexiora, Peyrefitte-du-Razès, Peyrefitte-sur-l'Hers, Peyrens, Peyriac-de-Mer, Peyriac-Minervois, Pezens, Plaigne, Plavilla, Pomy, Port-la-Nouvelle, Portel-des-Corbières, Pouzols-Minervois, Pradelles-Cabardès, Pradelles-en-Val, Preixan, Puginier, Puichéric, Puylaurens, Puivert, Quillan, Quintillan, Quirbajou, Raissac'Aude, Raissac-sur-Lampy, Rennes-le-Château, Rennes-les-Bains, Ribaute, Ribouisse, Ricaud, Rieux-en-Val, Rieux-Minervois, Rivel, Rodome, Roquecourbe-Minervois, Roquefere, Roquefeuil, Roquefort-des-Corbières, Roquefort-de-Sault, Roubia, Rouffiac-des-Corbières, Roullens, Routier, Rouvenac, Rustiques, Saint-Amans, Saint-André-de-Roquelongue, Saint-Benoît, Sainte-Colombe-sur-Guette, Saint-Couat-d'Aude, Saint-Denis, Saint-Ferriol, Saint-Frichoux, Saint-Gauderic, Saint-Jean-de-Barrou, Saint-Jean-de-Paracol, Saint-Julia-de-Bec, Saint-Julien-de-Briola, Saint-Just-et-le-Bezu, Saint-Laurent-de-la-Cabrerisse, Saint-Louis-et-Parahou, Saint-Marcel-sur-Aude, Saint-Martin-de-Villereglan, Saint-Martin-des-Puits, Saint-Martin-Lalande, Saint-Martin-le-Vieil, Saint-Martin-Lys, Saint-Michel-de-Lanes, Saint-Nazaire-d'Aude, Saint-Papoul, Saint-Paulet, Saint-Pierre-des-Champs, Saint-Sernin, Sainte-Camelle, Sainte-Colombe-sur-l'Hers, Sainte-Eulalie, Sainte-Valière, Saissac, Sallèles-Cabardès, Sallèles-d'Aude, Salles-d'Aude, Salles-sur-l'Hers, Salsigne, Salvezine, Salza, Seignalens, Serviès-en-Val, Sigean, Sonnac-sur-l'Hers, Sougraigne, Souilhanel, Souilhe, Soulatge, Soupex, Talairan, Taurize, Termes, Terroles, Thézan-des-Corbières, Tournissan, Tourouzelle, Trassanel, Trausse, Trèbes, Treilles, Tréville, Tréziers, Tuchan, Valmigièr, Ventenac-Cabardès, Ventenac-en-Minervois, Véraza, Verdun-en-Lauragais, Verzeille, Vignevieille, Villalier, Villanière, Villar-en-Val, Villardebelle, Villardonnell, Villarzel-Cabardès, Villarzel-du-Razès, Villasavary, Villautou, Villedaigne, Villedubert, Villefloure, Villefort, Villegailhenc, Villegly, Villemagne, Villemoustaussou, Villeneuve-la-Comptal, Villeneuve-les-Corbières, Villeneuveles-Montréal, Villeneuve-Minervois, Villepinte, Villerouge-Termenès, Villesèquedes-Corbières, Villesèquelande, Villesisclè, Villespy, Villetritouls, Vinassan.

LINK WITH GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

The Languedoc-Roussillon vineyards extend from the shores of the Mediterranean to an altitude of over 400 metres. From a geographical perspective, the extraordinary diversity of the soil and climatic conditions are highly conducive to viticulture and have made it possible to successfully plant several prestigious grape varieties, ensuring the development of a wide range of quality products.

Since being awarded PGI status in 1987, production of the 'Pays d'Oc' PGI has been steadily increasing and has almost doubled over the last decade, thus strengthening the wine industry around this segment of production.

There are nearly 2 000 wine companies, 200 winemaking cooperatives, 1 200 individual winemakers, 65 wine merchants and more than 450 wholesalers involved in the production and marketing of the 'Pays d'Oc' PGI. Nearly 90 000 hectares of vineyard are declared each year under the 'Pays d'Oc' PGI, which equates to a third of the Languedoc-Roussillon vineyards.

The vineyards were restructured nearly 40 years ago, to incorporate wine engineering techniques and to develop the range of grape varieties grown. The restructuring was based on the work of French regional centres for scientific and technological research in viticulture, including the National Technical Establishment for the Improvement of Viticulture (ENTAV) in the department of Gard (where all French vine varieties and clones are kept), the French Institute for Higher Education in Vine and Wine in Montpellier and the Pech Rouge technology hall of the INRA (the French Scientific Institute for Agricultural Research) in the department of Aude.

The success of the 'Pays d'Oc' PGI can be attributed to the shared belief and collaboration of its producers and suppliers. Their commitment to quality varietal wines has contributed significantly

to the restructuring of the vineyards. The creativity of the winegrowers and oenologists has won over enthusiasts and new customers alike. The winemakers take an innovative approach to the wines, their bottles and packaging. In 22 years, the Designation 'Vin de Pays d'Oc' has become Europe's largest exporter of varietal wine.

Wines from the 'Pays d'Oc' PGI can currently be found in 150 countries, of which 75 % are in northern Europe, 10 % are in North America and already 5 % are in China.

Therefore, the 'Pays d'Oc' PGI has kept a long winegrowing tradition alive in a modern form that attracts consumers and contributes to the reputation of the PGI.

A communication campaign is launched every week, of which half take place abroad. The Pays d'Oc wines are included in the top wine trade shows in the world, and are also very popular in France and in their region of production. Each year, many tourists come to the region to see the vineyards and the wines in the wine cellars, contributing to the development of the product's reputation.

The Protected Geographical Indication 'Pays d'Oc' is thus at the heart of the revival of the Languedoc-Roussillon winegrowing region and contributes to the preservation of the vineyard, which structures and is crucial for life in the villages and the use of land in this region.

SPECIFIC LABELLING RULES (IF ANY)

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