



Languedoc-Roussillon Wine Region of France

Climate: Languedoc is usually warm and dry throughout the year, and has very mild winters. It borders the Mediterranean Sea on one side of the region, which lends more warmth to the climate.

Languedoc is the largest wine-producing area in France; it produces more wine in this area than in the entire United States. This is also one of the most innovative wine regions in the world today thanks to innovative wine producers that have been changing the wines produced in this area since the 1990s.

A wide variety of grapes are grown in this region including: Syrah, Grenache, cabernet Sauvignon, and Chardonnay. There are four AOC regions within Languedoc, or wines can be classified as "Vins de Pays d'Oc".

Corbières is the most highly regarded of all the AOC regions located within Languedoc. It specializes in dense, juicy, rustic, and slightly spicy red blends. Most of the wines are made up of predominantly Carignan grapes with Syrah and Mourvedre.

Château du Grand Caumont Cuvée Special LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON (FRANCE)

With 100 hectares of planted vines within the 140 hectare estate in the Lézignon Corbières commune, Château du Grand Caumont is one of the largest wine estates in Corbières. The rugged stony clay-limestone soils of the terraced vineyard create excellent filtration for the vines. AOC Corbières appellation. The estate is owned and managed by Laurence Rigal, who inherited it from her mother.

Grapes: 50% Syrah, 45% Carignan, 5% Grenache

Viticulture: Gravely and clayey-limestone soils on terraces. Goblet pruning for the old Carignan and double Royat trellising for the other varieties.

Vinification: Varietals vinified separately, then aged one year in tank.

Alcohol: 13% vol.

Appearance: Ruby with purple hues

Nose: Rich berries and baking spices

Palate: Jammy berries, red currants and coffee

Pairings: Roasted red meats, game dishes, quail, lamb, soft cheeses.

Awards & Accolades: Prix des Vinalies at the Vinalies Nationales ; 2014 Bronze Medal Decanter World Wine Awards 2014