



**Louise Dubois “Ma Belle Réserve”
Côtes du Rhône**
SOUTHERN RHÔNE (FRANCE)

Grapes: Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre
Viniculture: Sediment limestone with pebbles and alluvia. Certified organic.
Alcohol: 13.5%
Appearance: A nice bright color, deep and dark red
Nose: On the nose this wine presents ripe fruits aromas, with fig aromas and spicy notes
Palate: On the palate, after a frank attack comes a roundness, a good concentration with smooth tannins. A full wine with a long finish, plenty of elegance and finesse.
Pairings: This wine will ideally complement game stew, roasts and red meat as well as mature cheeses.

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Southern Rhône Wine Region of France

Climate: Southern Rhône has a Mediterranean climate characterized by hot summers and mild winters. *Le Mistral* is also present in this region, helping cool the vines (allowing grapes to retain acidity) and preventing rot.

The Rhône Valley takes its name from the Rhône River which runs South through the region (beginning in the Swiss Alps). The Southern Rhône varies much differently in climate and flavor profile from the Northern Rhône.

The most famous wine appellations from Southern Rhône are: Beaufort-de-Venise, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, **Côtes-du-Rhône**, Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages, Gigondas, and Vacqueyras.

The leading red grape varietal in Southern Rhône is Grenache, but most southern Rhône wines are blends of several varieties of grape including syrah, cinsault, mourvèdre, and carignan.

Côtes-du-Rhône is an appellation that is spread out throughout the Rhône Valley totaling about 140,000 acres of land throughout the region. The wines are juicy, spicy, and have bold characteristics. This region produces red, white, and rosé wines.