



Domaine de Frégate Bandol Rouge PROVENCE (FRANCE)

Located between the towns of St Cyr/Mer and Bandol placed on the hills overlooking sea and framed by the reek of Port d'Alon, Domaine de Frégate is exposed to the south and west, ensuring an ideal climate for regular and complete maturity of wine grapes. The vineyard has a surface of 30 hectares and is planted on clay and calcareous soils that are dry and rocky. The result is a harmonious wine that is characteristically bold but maintains a mild finish. The varieties of grapes used are Mourvèdre, Grenache and Cinsault giving both the red and rosé wines the characteristics very typical of the Bandol appellation.

Grapes 65% Mourvèdre, Grenache, Cinsault

Vinification: Aged 18 months in oak barrels

Alcohol: 13.5% vol.

Appearance: Rich ruby in color

Nose: Aromas of violet, raspberry, mulberry, truffle and undergrowth.

Palate: Strong wine. Stays balanced & elegant. The Mourvèdre grape makes this an original wine. With an aroma that's very unique, it rests on the palate for some time.

Pairings: It is a perfect match for wild game, meat with sauces and of course cheese.

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Provence Wine Region of France

Provence has a typical Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and mild winters with little snow. This region is known for having abundant amounts of sunshine (almost 3,000 hours of sunlight a year). Provence is also home to the famous *Le Mistral*. These aggressive winds help cool the vines and prevent rot on the vines.

Provence is one of the oldest areas in France, with some areas dating back to 600 BC. It is famous not only for its flavorful rosé wines, but also for its lavender fields, local cuisine, and Mediterranean beaches. Provence is located in southeastern France, bordering the Mediterranean Sea.

There are a multitude of grape varieties grown in Provence, reflecting the rich cultural history of the region: Rhône varieties, Provençal varieties, Italian varieties, and Northern French varieties.

Bandol is the most famous appellation in Provence. Other leading appellations are Coteaux Aix-en-Provence, Côtes de Provence, Les Baux de Provence and Cassis.

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