



*Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire*

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The Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire vineyards are located east of the city of Aix-en-Provence, at the foot of the Sainte-Victoire Mountain. The "terroir" includes 9 communes within its boundaries:

Châteauneuf le Rouge, Le Tholonet, Meyreuil, Peynier, Puyloubier, Rousset and Trets in the Bouches du Rhône Department, and Pourcieux and Pourrières in the Var Department.

THE 'TERROIR' DESIGNATIONS are the official recognition by the INAO (French administration in charge of products with Protected Designations of Origin) of the site-specific qualities of the wines in a given region. A wine with a 'terroir' designation indicates its identity: the type of soils, a micro-climate, specially selected plots of land, grape types, winemaking methods and limited yields.



**Climate** The vineyard is subject to a climate with somewhat continental aspects. Protected to the south from the effects of the sea by the Mont Aurélien and Sainte-Baume Mountain, it covers the slopes of the upper Arc river valley. The rocky hogbacks of Sainte-Victoire also protect this **continental micro-climate**, helping to reduce the intensity of the Mistral winds. Strong gusts may still occur, which protect the vines from parasites. The Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire vineyards, like all the vineyards in Provence, are considered to be some of the most natural in France due to the drying effects of the Mistral wind.

**Geology** The soils are poor and shallow, formed by limestone and argillaceous sandstone.

**Grape varieties & blending** For rosés, the main types are grenache, syrah and cinsault. For reds, the main types are grenache, syrah, cinsault and cabernet-sauvignon. The Côtes de Provence-Sainte-Victoire red wines are matured for a minimum of 12 months. During the winter following the harvest, the winemakers Blend the newly-matured base wines to create balanced wines that bring out the unique qualities of each grape type. **Blending is an ancient tradition amongst Provence's winemakers.**



## Key Figures *Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire (2013/2014)*

*The Côtes de Provence 'terroir' designation was officially recognized in 2005*

**22 000 Hectoliters/year**

(rosé and red)  
Equivalent of nearly 3 million bottles

**2 643 Hectares:** Available land

**506 Hectares:** Cultivated land

**50 hl/ha:** Maximum authorized yield

**43 hl/ha:** Average yield