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Côtes de Provence La Londe

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The vineyards of this "terroir" designation are located southwest of the Maures mountain range, with direct exposure to the Mediterranean Sea. Côtes de Provence La Londe includes 4 communes in the Var Department (either totally or partially):

Bormes les Mimosas, La Crau, Hyères (including the island of Porquerolles) and La Londe les Maures.

THE 'TERROIR' DENOMINATIONS 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 close proximity of the Mediterranean Sea is the predominant feature of this specific climate. The winter and summer seasons are temperate. Yearly rainfall is quite low (less than 700 mm/year). Sun exposure is high (3,000 hours per year) and ventilation from sea breezes is nearly constant and brisk.



Geology This "terroir" has four types of soil: **soils on shale**, rocky and shallow; **colluvium slopes** on shale with varying amounts of loose stones; **colluvium rock slides** with quartzite, sandstone and shale stones; and ancient alluvium soils with quartzite, sandstone and shale.

Grape varieties & blending For rosés, the main vine types are cinsault and grenache; they may be accompanied by carignan, clairette, mourvèdre, sémillon, syrah, tibouren, ugni blanc or rolle (vermentino). For reds, the main types are grenache, mourvèdre and syrah; they may be accompanied by cabernet sauvignon and carignan (10% maximum). The Côtes de Provence-La Londe red wines are aged for a minimum of 11 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 La Londe (2013/2014)*

The Côtes de Provence 'terroir' designation was officially recognized in 2008

6600 Hectoliters/year
(rosé and red)
Equivalent of nearly 880,000 bottles

411 Hectares: Available land
154 Hectares: Cultivated land

50 hl/ha: Maximum authorized yield
43 hl/ha: Average yield