



Côte de Provence Pierrefeu

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Côtes de Provence Pierrefeu

The vineyards of this “terroir” are located between the Mediterranean Sea, the slopes of the Massif des Maures mountains and the limestone plateaus of the Var midlands. Côtes de Provence Pierrefeu includes all or part of twelve communes:

Carnoules, Carqueiranne, Collobrières, Cuers, La Crau, La Farlède, La Garde, La Valette, Le Pradet, Pierrefeu, Puget-Ville and Sollies Pont.

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 This sector's climate still benefits from the **influence of the Mediterranean Sea**, with **continental influences as well in the inland regions**. Differences in temperature remain moderate. The spring and summer months are quite hot. The altitude of the vineyards remains below 400 meters.

Geology There are three main types of soils in this sector: red **sandy-clay soils** characteristic of the Permian Depression; red, sandy **clay pebbles** (limestone gravel) in the plains, and **reddish-brown silt-clays covered by schist pebbles in the hills**.

Grape varieties & blending For rosés, the main types are grenache, cinsault and syrah. For reds, the main types are grenache, mourvèdre and syrah. The Côtes de Provence-Pierrefeu 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 Pierrefeu (2013/2014)*

The Côtes de Provence 'terroir' designation was officially recognized in 2013

5 100 Hectoliters/year

(rosé and red)
Equivalent of nearly 680,000 bottles

3 900 Hectares: Available land

122 Hectares: Cultivated land

50 hl/ha: Maximum authorized yield for rosés

45 hl/ha: Maximum authorized yield for reds

41 hl/ha: Average yield