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The Côtes de Provence Appellation

The Côtes de Provence appellation extends over 3 French departments: the Var, Bouches du Rhône and an enclave in the Alpes Maritimes, grouping together 84 communes over approximately 20,000 hectares.

Climate The overall climate is **Mediterranean** (sunny, hot and dry), but may vary a great deal depending on the topography and influence of the sea. The vineyards also benefit from the Mistral wind, which clean the air and eliminate parasites.



Geology The "terroir" of the Côtes de Provence appellation is formed by complex geological features. Two major geological formations coexist: **limestone** in the Northwest and **crystalline** in the Southeast. The entire northwest portion of the Côtes de Provence vineyards is comprised of alternating hills and rocky limestone hogbacks that have been sculpted by erosion. Further east, near the sea, the Maures and Estérel crystalline rock masses emerge, which were partially formed by **volcanic eruptions**. Due to the wide variety of "terroirs", **there is not one but many different types of Côtes de Provence, each with its own geological makeup and climate**. The appellation includes five major geographical areas [**Coastal Regions, Inland Valley, foothills of the High Country, the Beausset Basin, and Sainte-Victoire Mountain**] which also include four "terroir" designations (site-specific soils and climatic conditions) with more specialized wine types: **Sainte-Victoire, Fréjus, La Londe and Pierrefeu**.

Grape varieties & blending For reds and rosés, the main varieties are grenache, syrah, cinsault, mourvèdre and tibouren. For whites, rolle, sémillon, ugni-blanc and clairette may go into the composition. 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 (five-year average)*

962 000
Hectoliters/year

Equivalent of
128 million bottles

19 510 Hectares

380 private wineries

39 cooperative wineries

55 hl/ha: Maximum authorized yield

49 hl/ha: Average yield

