

PROVENCE ROSE

The consistent style of the dry rosés in this beautiful, sprawling part of southeast France can make nuances hard to distinguish. But there are quality cues to look for, explains **Elizabeth Gabay MW**

Provence runs from the Mediterranean coast in the south to the foothills of the southern Alps in the north, from the Rhône valley in the west to Italy in the east. Winemakers work to reconcile ‘Provence’ as a unifying brand expressing regional identity.

There are eight appellations: Côtes de Provence, Coteaux d’Aix-en-Provence and Coteaux Varois-en-Provence are the three main producers. Bandol, famous for big reds, was traditionally a producer of structural, ageable rosés, but today many are lighter in style for early summer drinking.

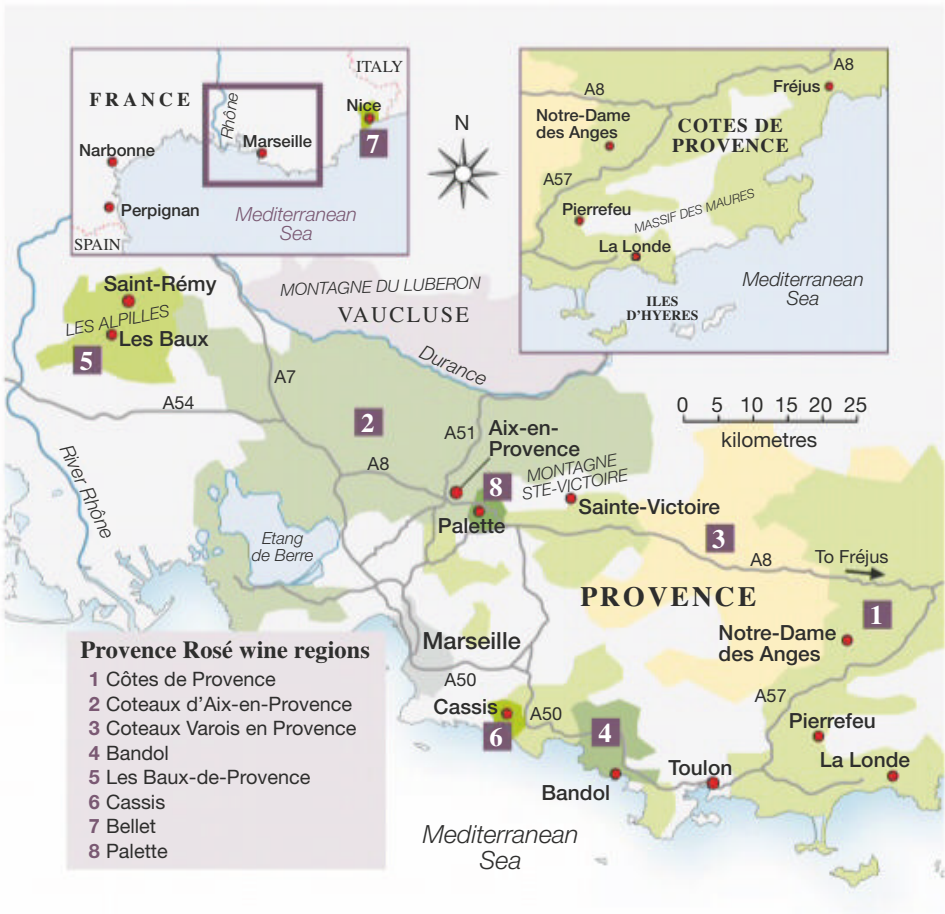
Tiny Palette and Bellet, in the city of Nice, both produce some rosé, as do Cassis, known for its white wines, and Les Baux-de-Provence. There are also a number of IGP labels, with IGP Méditerranée covering the entire region. 90% of production is rosé.

Essential Provence

Côtes de Provence covers a large area, with regional sub-zones identified: La Londe and Pierrefeu, just inland, are both on schist soils, typically giving their wines a mineral edge. The limestone slopes of Ste-Victoire produce wines with broader, fresher acidity, emphasised by some altitude. Fréjus, on the red volcanic slopes of the Esterel massif, produces wines with more structure, while the newest region, Notre-Dame des Anges in the warm central valley of Provence, produces rounder, ripe fruit.

Coteaux d’Aix, equally diverse, has no indicated sub-zones. Coteaux Varois is based on cooler uplands stretching to the north.

There are 18 estates in the Côtes de Provence classed as cru classé – a designation created in 1955, as much as 22 years before



PROVENCE ROSE: THE FACTS

	ha	Domaines	Cooperatives	% rosé
Côtes de Provence	20,100	420*	39	90%
Coteaux d'Aix	4,127	65*	12	82.5%
Coteaux Varois	2,633	77*	10	90%
Bandol	1,600	59	4	73%
Les Baux	243	11	0	45%
Cassis	200	12	0	27%
Bellet	58	10	0	33%
Palette	45	4	0	15%

Source: CIVP; *Includes >100 négociants

the appellation itself – their reputation based on history rather than commonality of terroir.

Wines with denomination de terroir, cru classé, and from the smaller appellations of Cassis, Les Baux and Bellet are often pricier. Coteaux Varois, Coteaux d’Aix and the IGP wines offer excellent value, with IGP sometimes a second label or a more experimental wine from better-known estates.

The wines are blends, with Grenache and Cinsault as the primary varieties, and Cabernet

Sauvignon, Mourvèdre and Syrah variously contributing blacker fruit notes. Braquet is unique to Bellet. A quarter of production is made by family-owned estates, the rest by cooperatives and négociants who blend across the region, giving a single Provence style.

Most rosés are pale, historically proof that the wine was not a by-product of red wine. While some today are extraordinarily pale, verging on blanc de noir, a few are a shade darker, often reflecting a fruitier style.

PROVENCE ROSE: KNOW YOUR VINTAGES

2019 A good vintage, in terms of both size and quality. Good to age, with some showing better after a year in bottle.

2018 A small, weaker vintage where négociant wines saved the day with strategic blending. Particularly pale colour. Most to drink up, but some surprises with a few ageing well.

2017 A small vintage due to spring frosts and a hot, dry summer. Good quality, good fruit. Ageing well.

2016 A small, dry vintage with concentrated berries resulting in fruity rosés, although some lack essential freshness and acidity. Best to drink.

2015 Small vintage but excellent quality. Ageing well, drink up.

2014 A cool vintage which resulted in fresh vibrant rosés. Ageing well, drink up.

Provence offers dry rosés, the simplest balanced by ripe fruit, the more complex having weight and structure. It is usually this latter style which best handles the use of oak – contentious, with claims its heftiness masks the delicacy of a true Provence rosé. Most wines are able to age well for two to three years, some for longer. Almost one third of the wines are organic.

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THE VERDICT

The solid standard was further proof that Provence rosé is one of the most reliable wine styles. Though real excitement was harder to find, the 2019 cru classés do stand out, says **Georgie Hindle**

A 'really lovely and interesting tasting', said Rod Smith MW. 'It showed the quality of the 2019 vintage, which was clearly superior to 2018, with fewer issues of heat stress and cases where grapes were picked early at the expense of flavour, or less flavour at the expense of freshness.'

Liz Gabay MW agreed that the 2019s 'really stood out' and, despite some 'cut-and-paste' wines, praised the diversity of style throughout the tasting. 'This year I felt we were getting more regional definition and varietal character – a massive plus and very promising.'

Joanna Simon equally reiterated the quality of the 2019s, which she 'wasn't aware of prior to the tasting'.

For Gabay, the cru classé wines were 'the biggest surprise'. 'The classification is historic, with wines quite often a higher price because of it,' she said. 'There is scepticism in Provence that they don't produce anything different, but as a range here they had much greater intensity of fruit, so they are clearly trying to live up to that cru classé standard.' Simon equally 'wasn't expecting quite that definition of quality', or 'the very distinctive profiles – I've not seen that before, they really were a step up'.

Low points were the 'similar, identikit wines', said Smith. 'It seems

as if everyone was trying to make the same wine, and succeeding – and that applied to 60%-70% of them. It arguably shows consistency, but it's a little bit boring, especially given that some of these will be quite expensive wines.' Gabay added: 'There weren't any that were bad, it's just boredom.'

So, how do producers stand out? 'With great difficulty,' said Smith. 'The wines are reliable, but just a little bit safe. There's room within rosé for a little bit more – not risk, but not to rest on their laurels either.'

He added: 'Provence can't just trade on reputation, especially given the prices charged for just being good and from Provence – and the consumer is discovering that. The best are very good and they fulfil the stereotype, but the blandest aren't, and as wines they don't necessarily compete in terms of price.'

Ste-Victoire was praised as a 'go-to' appellation, as was Bandol, the two regions notching up three and six wines respectively in the top 13 that scored 91pts or more. But the judges warned it's still not enough on which to generalise, so it's worth knowing producers and reading the notes here.

Colours ranged from dark pink to pale blush. 'Sometimes it becomes confusing for consumers to see such diversity, because they think all these wines should be pale,' Smith noted. 'But pale doesn't always mean good

'As a range, the cru classé wines here had much greater intensity of fruit' Elizabeth Gabay MW

– once you're stripping out colour you're also homogenising flavour.'

Smith flew the flag for the Tibouren grape. Though it's difficult to grow, 'all the wines that had a high percentage did well – they really worked, coming across as very floral'. A Sangiovese-dominant wine also piqued the judges' interest, as did the IGP wines, leaving them wanting to see more submitted for this tasting in the future.

For the perfect rosé, Smith said you need 'creaminess from the lees, phenolics from the skin giving enough but not too much fruitiness, acidity and weight, and many of them had all of those in good harmony.'

As for what to drink when, Smith said: 'At the beginning of the summer, try drinking the end of last year's rosés rather than the early new ones [2019], especially if they've only just been bottled. People think it has to be the youngest vintage, but it doesn't.'

THE SCORES

178 wines tasted
Exceptional 1
Outstanding 4
Highly Recommended 32
Recommended 95
Commended 40
Fair 5
Poor 1
Faulty 0

Entry criteria: producers and UK agents were invited to submit their latest-release dry, still Provence rosé wines from any Provence sub-appellation

THE JUDGES

Elizabeth Gabay MW



Gabay is a widely published wine writer, educator, speaker and consultant, with special interests in the wines of Provence and rosés from around the world. Author of *Rosé, Understanding the*

Pink Wine Revolution (Infinite Ideas 2018), she is also president of the International Rosé Championship and a DWWA judge.

Joanna Simon



Simon is a widely published wine and food writer, presenter and judge. Formerly wine critic at The Sunday Times for 22 years, she co-founded The Wine Gang, was founding editor of

Waitrose Drinks magazine, and now also blogs on www.joannasimon.com. Her specialist areas include matching wine with food.

Rod Smith MW



Smith is a wine educator, journalist and consultant, and the DWWA Regional Chair for Provence. Based in the Côte d'Azur, he is director of the Riviera Wine Academy. Having

moved to France in 2007, he previously led the wine team at Vins Sans Frontières, the leading supplier of wine to the superyacht industry.

EXCEPTIONAL 98–100pts
Clos Cibonne, Château Cibon Cuvée Marius, Côtes de Provence Cru Classé 2017

Decanter average score: 98/100pts **Individual judges' scores:**
Elizabeth Gabay MW 98 Joanna Simon 98 Rod Smith MW 98

£47–£56 Exel, Last Drop Wines, Red Squirrel, Theatre of Wine, The Good Spirits Co, Vin Cognito, Vindinista

This 15ha property overlooking Toulon harbour has been part of the Roux family's ancestry for almost 230 years. It wasn't until 1930 that André Roux decided to dedicate the land exclusively to vines, especially the

ancient variety Tibouren – not widely planted outside Provence, this is an intensely aromatic black grape with a thin skin, which is notoriously difficult to grow. The family still champions Tibouren, which makes up 90% of its vineyards, and some plots are more than 50 years old.

Elizabeth Gabay MW Orange. Lots of new oak on the nose. New oak on the palate gives richness and oomph. Oranges, dried apricots, long saline mineral acidity balancing new oak.

Joanna Simon Orangey. Deep and complex nose of spice, dried peach and oak. Concentrated, complex, richly textured palate with spicy, dried-flower notes and baking bread; breadth, length and graceful mineral-fresh notes.

Rod Smith MW Oaky and slightly spicy aromas: plenty of honeyed, rich straw, baked fruit underneath. Complex, delicious and deeply flavoured with baked citrus, honey and apricot. Good balance and lovely phenolic grip on the finish. Certainly approachable now, but no hurry to drink.

Drink 2020–2024 Alcohol 13%

OUTSTANDING 95–97pts
Domaine de la Bégude, Irréductible, Bandol 2019

96 EG 98 JS 95 RS 96

£32.50 Connaught Cellars, Monopole Wine

Overlooking the Mediterranean, this 600ha estate in Bandol houses 22ha of vineyards surrounded by forests and olive groves at about 400m above sea level. With a mixture of poor clay and limestone soils, the cooling influence of the sea and the powerful Mistral wind, the grapes enjoy perfect conditions to ripen slowly in the often very warm climate of the region. Made from 90% Mourvèdre and 10% Grenache, this certified organic wine spends two months on the lees to enhance its viscosity and character. Unlike many rosés, this wine is capable of ageing for several years.

EG Pale red. Loads of floral, red fruit aromas. Juicy red fruit and fresh, redcurrant acidity, some minerality. Dry, fruity, good weight, long acidity – ticks all the boxes.

JS Deep copper, almost red colour. Ripe, richly fruity, red-fruit and spice nose; cherry, apricot and orange on the palate. Chewy and substantial with fresh, lively acidity. Not subtle but good.

RS Deep pink colour, just a trace of orange – traditional Bandol appearance. Spicy and rich with some clove and red berries. Inviting. Rich, deep, youthful. Complex and well textured. Delicious and characteristic. Keep for a few years ideally. Very good.

Drink 2021–2028 Alc 13%


Château La Coste, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019

95 EG 95 JS 94 RS 95

£20 Thorman Hunt

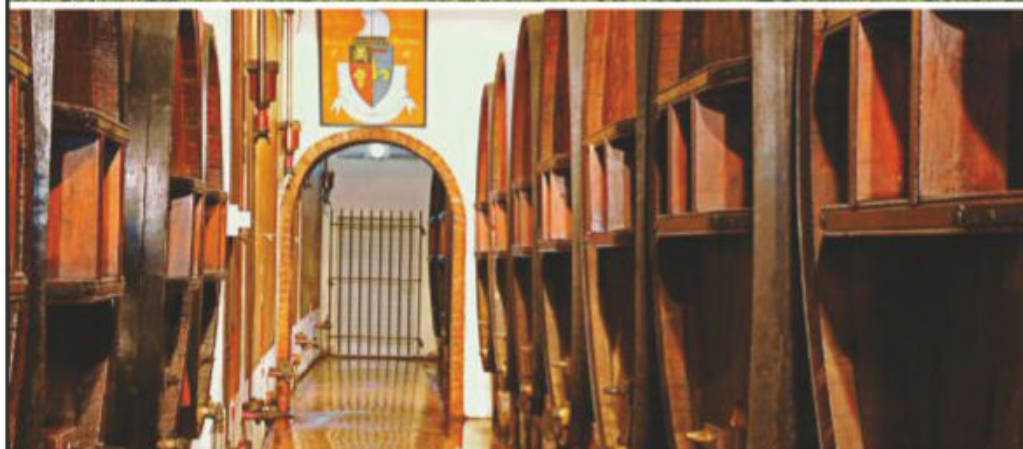
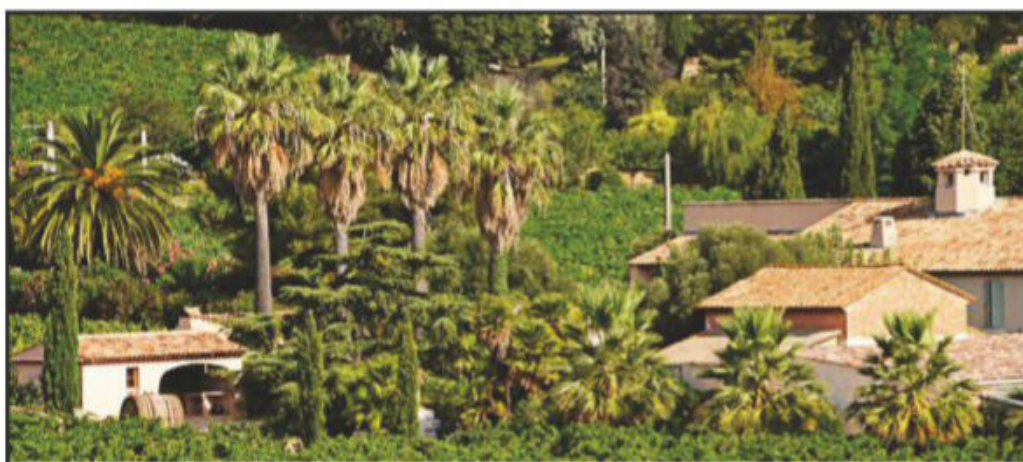
Launched in 2008, this certified organic and biodynamic estate situated between Aix-en-Provence and the Luberon National Park houses not only vineyards and a modern winery designed by French architect Jean Nouvel, but a spa hotel complete with 28 villa suites, restaurants and an art gallery. The winery itself is made up of two large corrugated iron cylindrical buildings with a vast chamber 17m below ground containing all the vats and wine storage. This wine is a blend of 60% Grenache, 30% Syrah and 10% Cinsault from the 208ha vineyard surrounding this beautiful luxury complex.

EG Strong pink. Good weight and structure – quite a serious rosé with lots of intense, wild red berry fruit, a few black berries, mineral core and firm phenolic finish. A lovely, serious, gastronomic rosé.

JS Deep dayglow copper-pink. Peach and pear aromas, quite complex. Fleshy peach and peppery spice on the palate. Full-bodied, powerful, rich and leesy. Complex.

RS Mid-pale pink colour. Earthy cranberry and raspberry fruit aromas. Some spice. Fruity and flavoursome, with good depth and spice. Balanced acidity and some creaminess.

Drink 2020–2021 Alc 13.5% ➤



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OUTSTANDING (Continued) 95–97pts**Clos Cibonne, Cuvée Tradition Tibouren, Côtes de Provence Cru Classé 2018**

95 EG 96 JS 95 RS 95

£22.50–£29 Binch, Dvine Cellars, Elicite, Exel, Last Drop Wines, Red Squirrel, Theatre of Wine, The Good Spirits Co, The Little Wine Shop, The Salusbury Winestore, Vin Cognito, Vindinista, Wine Boar, Yield N16

Planted on the hills of the Maures mountains, the average age of these well-ventilated Tibouren vines is about 20 years, on free-draining, salty clay soils located close to the sea. These factors, along with sustainable viticultural practices, enable good vine health and a fresh style. Made predominantly from the much-prized Tibouren variety, this flagship wine also contains 10% Grenache, and after fermentation and blending, it spends 12–18 months in 100-year-old casks before being bottled.

EG Orange. Intense fruit – dried peach, apricot and orange – some nutty oak, red berries, creamy, long, fresh mineral acidity, and a phenolic finish. More gastronomic style.

JS Deep, yellowy hue. Spicy, oaky, dried-flower and apricot aromas with a little mineral-kerosene development. Lovely, mineral, richly textured palate but tight too with dried apricot, mineral and crystallised orange peel flavours. Long, complex, melifluous, fresh.

RS Mid-pale orange colour. Floral and herby, with the beginnings of cumin spice and scorched citrus peel aromas. Mouthfilling and deep. Rich fruit with jasmine and baked apple. Rounded and characteristic. Some touches of oak and lees. Very fresh, long finish. Classy.

Drink 2020–2021 **Alc** 13.5%

**Lafran-Veyrolles, Bandol 2015**

95 EG 95 JS 93 RS 97

£18–£22 Cellar Door Wines, Highbury Vintners, Kwoff, The Vineyard Dorking

One of the oldest wine estates in Bandol, 10ha Lafran-Veyrolles dates back to 1641 when it existed as a country house with grounds featuring vineyards, olive groves, hazelnut and oak trees. In fact the word 'Veyrolles' derives from the ancient word 'rouvraie', referring to an area planted with oak trees in the Cadière-d'Azur commune. The vineyards are situated on clay slopes with limestone and chalky marl subsoils overlooking the sea. This wine is made from 70% Mourvèdre, 15% Grenache and 15% Cinsault, partly using the saignée method of bleeding off a portion of red wine juice after a 24-hour maceration.

EG Pale copper-pink. Fresh, vibrant redcurrant acidity, long zestiness balanced by a concentrated weight of ripe fruit and good structure. Not overtly phenolic or tannic, but overall a good balance of structure.

JS Dried-apple aromas. Slight spritz on the palate. Rounded, sweet-fruited, supple texture, good acidity, still youthful.

RS Mid-pale orange colour. Intensely fruity aromas with some red berries as well as caramelised citrus peel and kumquat. Some savoury saline lees. Still very youthful, and could easily be kept. But delicious and complex. Terrific wine. Worth making a lobster bisque for.

Drink 2020–2025 **Alc** 13%

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED 90–94pts**Château de Pibarnon, Nuances, Bandol 2017** 92 EG 95 JS 87 RS 95

£25.04 (2018) www.pibarnon.com

Deep copper-pink with sumptuous marmalade and creamy, nutty fruitcake characters contrasting joyously with perfectly poised acidity and freshness. **Drink** 2020–2025 **Alc** 14%

**Domaine des Mapliers, Abacus, Côtes de Provence 2019**

92 EG 93 JS 93 RS 91

£16 The Boxford Wine Co

Beautiful cherry patisserie and succulent hedgerow fruit with a supple, silky texture and fine acidity. Elegant and sustained. **Drink** 2020 **Alc** 14%

**Famille Sumeire, Château Coussin César à Sumeire, Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire 2019**

92 EG 90 JS 93 RS 92

£29.99 Museum Wines

Austere mineral finesse infused with expressive perfumed florals and a mouthwatering crunch of juicy raspberry fruit. Long and rewarding. **Drink** 2020 **Alc** 13.5% ➤

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED (Continued) 90–94pts**Mathilde Chapoutier, Grand Ferrage, Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire 2019**

92 EG 92 JS 93 RS 92

£16.99 Hatch Mansfield

A marvel of sweet raspberries, cherries and rose petals with a lifted, fresh mineral intensity and a beguiling, fresh finish. **Drink 2020 Alc 13%**

**Château des Ferrages, Mon Plaisir, Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire 2019**

91 EG 89 JS 92 RS 91

£16.99 Hatch Mansfield

Radiant cherries and juicy red berries infused with energetic orange peel and spice, and a lively mineral freshness. **Drink 2020 Alc 13%**

**Domaine la Suffrène, Bandol 2019**

91 EG 90 JS 93 RS 90

£20.49 Tivoli Wines

Enriching blackcurrant, floral and fresh thyme aromas; glossy and slick with mouthwatering orange peel acidity and a succulent texture.

Drink 2021-2028 Alc 14%**Domaine Maubernard, Bandol 2019**

91 EG 90 JS 92 RS 91

POA Roberson

Clove and pepper spice notes lead to a full-flavoured palate enriched with sweet parsnip with a long, fresh finish.

Drink 2022-2028 Alc 13%**Domaine Tempier, Bandol 2018**

91 EG 90 JS 92 RS 92

£26.99 Noble Grape

Captivating apricot and cassis notes turn into creamy strawberry and red apple with a spicy undertow and great acid backbone.

Drink 2020-2028 Alc 13%**Adnams, Provence Rosé, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2018**

90 EG 90 JS 91 RS 88

£10.99 Adnams

A purity of red berries and velvety plums with a delightfully fresh mineral core and a soft, supple acidity. **Drink 2020 Alc 13%**

**Château Barbebelles, Barbebelles Rosé Fleuri, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019**

90 EG 89 JS 90 RS 90

£15 Castelnau Wine Agencies

Exquisitely pale with fresh watermelon and cranberry exuberance and a sumptuous acidity, with a long, wild hedgerow finish.

Drink 2020 Alc 13.5%**Château Beaulieu, Cuvée Alexandre, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019**

90 EG 90 JS 91 RS 90

£17.49 Aitken Wines, Dugard & Daughters,

Ellie's Cellar, Hay Wines, Liberty Wines, Shaftesbury

Wines, Whole Foods Market

Warming nutty aromas with citrus peel and spice; full and creamy with a contrasting zesty cassis acidity. **Drink 2020 Alc 13%**

**Château de Brégançon, Cuvée Isaure, Côtes de Provence Cru Classé 2019**

90 EG 90 JS 91 RS 90

N/A UK www.chateau-de-bregancon.fr

A superb crunch of redcurrants, strawberries and crisp citrus give energy to this intense, full and structured wine.

Drink 2020 Alc 13%**Château de Pibarnon, Bandol 2019**

90 EG 91 JS 90 RS 90

£21.67 Millésima

Inviting spicy apricot and honeyed peach blossom with fresh redcurrant acidity and a mineral dimension. Long and fine.

Drink 2020-2028 Alc 13.5%**Château d'Estoublon, Le Rosé, Les Baux-de-Provence 2019**

90 EG 90 JS 91 RS 90

£23.50 Bottle Apostle

Compelling earthy spice and wild strawberry flow through into the weighty, juicy palate; powerful and lengthy. **Drink 2020 Alc 13.5%**

**Château Guilhem Tournier, Cuvée La Malissonne, Bandol 2019**

90 EG 90 JS 91 RS 90

N/A UK +33 (0)4 94 90 1183

Delicious spiced cherries and lifted raspberries with traces of rosehip and pecan; textured and fresh with good ageing potential.

Drink 2020-2025 Alc 13% ➤

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED (Continued) 90–94pts



Château Peigros, Croix Hautes des Schistes, Côtes de Provence Pierrefeu 2019 90 EG 90 JS 91 RS 90

N/A UK www.chateau-peigros.com

An elegant austerity of mineral, wild berry fruit with a fresh watermelon acidity and a long grapefruit finish. **Drink 2020 Alc 13%**



Château Saint-Maur, L'Excellence, Côtes de Provence Cru Classé 2019 90 EG 87 JS 92 RS 92

£20 Millésima

Complex peach blossom, red berry and saffron spice engulfed in a ripe, creamy palate with a subtle mineral finish. **Drink 2020 Alc 13.5%**



Château Saint-Maur, Saint M, Côtes de Provence Cru Classé 2019 90 EG 90 JS 91 RS 89

£14.17 Millésima

Vigorous spicy red berries intermingled with juicy peach and sweet herbs; textured and firm with a fresh mineral finish. **Drink 2020 Alc 13.5%**



Domaine de la Croix, Cuvée Irrésistible!, Côtes de Provence Cru Classé 2019 90 EG 90 JS 92 RS 89

£17 L'Ami Jac

Shimmering florals, red berries and rhubarb with delicate, fresh acidity and an elegant, sustained mineral core. **Drink 2020 Alc 13%**

'All the wines with a high percentage of Tibouren really worked, coming across as very floral'

Rod Smith MW



Domaine de la Grand Vigne, Coteaux Varois en Provence 2019 90 EG 90 JS 90 RS 89

N/A UK www.lagrandvigne.com

A youthful blend of red berries and peaches with a touch of orange citrus; elegant with a lovely chewy freshness. **Drink 2020 Alc 13%**



Domaine de Rimauresq, Cuvée Rebelle, Côtes de Provence Cru Classé 2019 90 EG 89 JS 91 RS 90

£23 Kwoff

A gastro style combining smoky, sweet herbals, candied peel and violet florals, with structured oak and a firm mineral backbone. **Drink 2020 Alc 13%**



Domaine de Rimauresq, Côtes de Provence Cru Classé 2019

90 EG 90 JS 90 RS 91

£18.50–£21 Butlers Wine Cellar, Caviste, Field & Fawcett, L'Art du Vin, NY Wines of Cambridge

Mirabelle plums, peaches and apricots with a lush citrus acidity and elegantly textured fine tannins, mineral freshness. **Drink 2020 Alc 13%**



Domaine d'Eole, Souffle d'Eole, Alpilles 2019

90 EG 93 JS 90 RS 87

N/A UK www.domainedeole.com

Deeply coloured rosé with alluring strawberry, red apple and peach aromas and flavours, then a zing of pink grapefruit acidity on the finish. **Drink 2020 Alc 13%**



Domaine la Suffrène, Cuvée Sainte-Catherine, Bandol 2016 90 EG 93 JS 87 RS 90

N/A UK www.domaine-la-suffrene.com

Evolved copper tones with a potpourri and dried apricot fruit nose leading to a still-youthful palate showing plenty of backbone. **Drink 2020–2021 Alc 14%**



Domaine Pieracci, Bandol 2019 90 EG 86 JS 91 RS 93

N/A UK www.domaine-pieracci.com

A structured style laden with intense herbs, red berries and spice; creamy and textured with a fresh, grapefruit finish. **Drink 2020–2024 Alc 13.5%**



Domaine Roche Redonne, Cuvée de la Lyre, Bandol 2019 90 EG 89 JS 91 RS 90

N/A UK roche.redonne@free.fr

Pastry, peach and dried-flower aromatics flow into a delicately viscous palate with an elegant, fresh mineral length. **Drink 2020–2023 Alc 13%**

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED (continued) 90–94pts

Domaine Saint-Andrieu, L'Oratoire, Coteaux Varois en Provence 2019 90 EG 89 JS 93 RS 87

£11.67 Millésima

Brimming with delicately perfumed florals, rosehip spice, red-berry and cherry fruit with seamless acidity and a satin texture.

Drink 2020 Alc 13.5%



Domaine Saint-Andrieu, Côtes de Provence 2019 90 EG 90 JS 90 RS 90

£12.50 Millésima

Layers of peaches and cream, wild berries, herbs and minerals; warming and rich with a long, inviting finish. **Drink 2020 Alc 13.5%**



Estandon, Impressions, Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire 2019 90 EG 90 JS 89 RS 90

N/A UK <http://catalogue.estandon-vignerons.com>

Refined rose petal, mineral and dried cranberry aromas with vivid red-berry acidity and a grippy mineral edge. **Drink 2020 Alc 12.5%**



Figuière, Première, Côtes de Provence 2019 90 EG 90 JS 90 RS 90

£18.98–£19.81 Jascots, Robert Rolls

Luscious herb, rose petal and spice aromas juxtaposed with tight, redcurrant fruit acidity and an airy, crisp finish. **Drink 2020 Alc 13%**



Ravoire & Fils, Costeval, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019 90 EG 90 JS 90 RS 89

N/A UK www.ravoire-fils.com

A scent of sweet blossom and saffron spice with plenty of crunchy red cherries and a persistent acid bite. **Drink 2020 Alc 12.5%**



Terre de Mistral, Pauline, Méditerranée 2019 90 EG 92 JS 91 RS 87

£15 swig

Super-aromatic wild cherries and fresh hedgerow fruit with a mineral core, breezy fresh acidity and an appetising chewiness. **Drink 2020 Alc 13%**

RECOMMENDED 86–89pts

Wine	Score	EG	JS	RS	Tasting note	Alc	Drink	Price	Stockists
Château de Brégançon, La Réserve, Côtes de Provence CC 2019	89	89	90	89	Talcum powder perfume with ripe cherry and raspberry fruit and a twist of lime zest.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.chateau-de-bregancon.fr
Château de St-Martin, Cuvée de la Chapelle, Côtes de Provence CC 2019	89	88	89	89	Billowing red berries, peaches and cream with delicate acidity and a crisp, refreshing finish.	12.5%	2020	£18	Mistral Wine Co
Château d'Esclans, Les Clans, Côtes de Provence 2018	89	86	85	95	Orange-toned with expressive florals, spiced marmalade and creamy oak flooding the palate.	14%	2020	£33.87	Vinatis
Château Fonscolombe, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019	89	90	86	90	Bags of herby red fruit, juicy and viscous with a bitter twist on the finish.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.fonscolombe.fr
Château la Tour de l'Evêque, Côtes de Provence 2019	89	86	90	92	Buttery baked peaches and subtle spice; a rich style with a rounded, creamy texture.	13%	2020	£13.95	Corney & Barrow
Château Roubine, Premium, Côtes de Provence CC 2019	89	90	90	88	Velvety black fruit aromas and fresh florals with a herbal undertow; firm, juicy and long.	12.5%	2020	£17.99 (2018)	Roberts & Speight
Domaine des Aspras, A Lisa, Vin du Var 2019	89	90	87	90	Pale shell-pink with spicy perfumed aromas and a creamy, nutty texture.	13.5%	2020	N/A UK	www.aspras.com
Famille Negrel, Mas de Cadenet, Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire 2019	89	90	90	86	Understated mineral and red-berry elegance, vibrant acidity, lots of potential.	12.5%	2020	POA	ABS Wine Agencies
François Lurton, La Mule Rose, Coteaux Varois en Provence 2019	89	87	89	90	Abundant flavours of apples, figs and plums with a creamy texture and gentle spice hints.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.francoislurton.com
Gueissard, G, Bandol 2019	89	86	92	88	Powerful cassis aromas with pink-grapefruit undertones; weighty and warming with fine acidity.	13%	2020-2022	N/A UK	www.lesvignoblesgueissard.com
La Bastide Blanche, Bandol 2018	89	87	93	87	Orange-tinged maturity with earthy, nutty spice and dried apricot notes; rich and juicy.	14%	2020-2021	£19.17-£20.50	H2Vin, Millésima, New Street Wine Shop
Nos Vins du Sud, L'Arlésienne, Côtes de Provence 2019	89	86	89	91	Peach melba and cream with an inviting soft texture and lively freshness.	13.5%	2020	N/A UK	www.nosvinsdusud.com

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Aromanes, Eternity, Côtes de Provence 2019	88	87	89	87	Charming citrus florals and juicy red fruits; rounded, soft and fine.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.sovex-grandschateaux.com
Bastide de Blacailoux, Ecllosion, Coteaux Varois en Provence 2019	88	89	89	86	Linear and crisp, crunchy redcurrant and cherry, fine core of mineral vibrance.	12.5%	2020	N/A UK	www.bastide-de-blacailoux.com
Château Barbanau, L’Instant, Côtes de Provence 2019	88	86	89	90	Limber, fresh, rounded with smoky stone fruit and spice, fine-toned acidity.	12.5%	2020	POA	The Wine Society
Château de Berne, Inspiration, Côtes de Provence 2019	88	89	88	86	Cherry aromas and vibrant sour-cherry fruit on palate. Creamy texture, with an appetising touch of cherry-kernel bitterness and grapefruit acidity.	13%	2020	£15.95	Bancroft Wines
Château de Saint-Martin, Grande Réserve, Cotes-de-Provence CC 2019	88	89	90	86	Vibrant red cherry and mineral aromas and flavours. Creamy texture, very mineral. Bone-dry, youthful and just slightly hard at present, but promising.	12.5%	2020-2022	£19.95	Vinoteca
Château d’Ollières, Coteaux Varois en Provence 2019	88	87	90	86	Glossy cherry and peach fruit with lively florals and fresh redcurrant acidity.	12.5%	2020	£11.85-£13.50	Ellis Wharton, Les Caves de Pyrene, Vinvm
Château du Rouët, Estérelle, Côtes de Provence 2019	88	89	86	90	Intense raspberry, cherry and rose-petal notes with a supple, creamy texture and mineral finish.	12.5%	2020	£16.99	Cork of the North, Grape Minds, Hay Wines, Liberty Wines, Riva News & Wine, Tannin & Oak, Tok’s Food & Drink
Château Grand Boise, Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire 2019	88	87	88	88	Fruity candyfloss aromas, and fine, silky lemon-citrus acidity and mineral elegance.	12%	2020	£17.95	Vagabond Wines
Château la Tour de l’Evêque, Pétale de Rose, Côtes de Provence 2019	88	88	90	85	Summer fruit pudding, rose petals and pomegranate on the nose; generous, rounded and fresh.	13.5%	2020	£18.50	Corney & Barrow
Château Lauzade, Côtes de Provence 2019	88	89	88	86	A weighty, savoury style with spicy dried apricots, floral notes and pepper.	12%	2020	N/A UK	www.lauzade.com
Château Mont-Redon, Saint Max, Côtes de Provence 2019	88	89	89	85	Packed with fresh redcurrants, cranberries and cherries, with a savoury note and saline finish.	13.5%	2020	POA	Justerini & Brooks
Château Vignelaure, Le Page de Vignelaure, Méditerranée 2019	88	93	87	83	Slightly darker bold copper-pink with refreshing cherries, plums and cassis; clean and zesty.	12.5%	2020	N/A UK	www.vignelaure.com
Domaine de Cala, Prestige, Coteaux Varois en Provence 2019	88	89	86	90	Textured, spicy red cherries, a touch of creamy oak, vibrant mineral acidity.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.domainedecala.com
Domaine de la Bégude, Bandol 2019	88	86	88	89	Berries and cherries abound with a trace of Campari aromatics; crunchy, fresh and inviting.	12.5%	2020-2025	POA	Monopole Wine
Domaine de la Croix, Cuvée Eloge, Côtes de Provence CC 2019	88	90	88	85	Firm mineral characters interwoven with baked apple and peach fruit, and mouthwatering acidity.	13%	2020	N/A UK	commercial@domainedelacroix.com
Domaine Gavoty, Cuvée Clarendon, Côtes de Provence 2018	88	88	87	88	A full style with ripe red fruits, tingly fresh sherbet acidity and nutty tannins.	13.5%	2020	£18.95	Jeroboams
Domaine Marie Berenice, Bandol 2018	88	89	86	90	Mature earthy marmalade and nutty spice aromas with a firm, savoury backbone and long finish.	13%	2020-2025	N/A UK	www.domainemarieberenice.com
Domaine Maubernard, Bandol 2018	88	86	91	87	Lacy and fine-boned with delicate blossom, spicy tangerine and a fresh mineral crunch.	13%	2020-2021	£19	Roberson
Famille Negrel, Origine, Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire 2018	88	85	90	88	Almond and marzipan warmth, honeyed strawberries and an underlying gastronomic and harmonious bitterness.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.masdecadenet.fr
Famille Sumeire, Château L’Afrique, Côtes de Provence 2019	88	88	88	88	Appetising sweet rhubarb and cranberry notes building to a long, fresh wild-berry finish.	13%	2020	£14.99	Museum Wines
Famille Sumeire, Ch Coussin, Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire 2019	88	87	91	87	Potpourri aromatics and delicate raspberries with soft grapefruit acidity and a savoury finish.	13.5%	2020	£14.17	Millésima
Famille Sumeire, Ch Maupague, Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire 2019	88	89	90	86	A lovely blend of tinned-peach creaminess balanced by a crunch of red Gala apple acidity.	13%	2020	£17.99	Museum Wines
Le Grand Cros, L’Esprit de Provence, Côtes de Provence 2019	88	89	85	89	Intensely perfumed sweet spice and warming peaches with a touch of creaminess and fresh acidity.	14%	2020	£16 (2018)	The Fine Cheese Co
Les Béates, Les Béatines, Coteaux d’Aix-en-Provence 2019	88	88	90	85	Graceful aromas of red cherry and apple with a creamy structure and mineral fresh finish.	13.5%	2020	N/A UK	www.lesbeates.com
Mas Fleurey, Cuvée Sélectionnée, Côtes de Provence 2018	88	90	87	87	Pale orange colour with nicely evolved nutty oak, dried flowers and a long, grippy finish.	12.5%	2020	£13.60	Christopher Piper
Pierre Chavin, Villa Chavin, Côtes de Provence 2019	88	85	89	90	Textural and rounded with lots of warm, spicy fruit and a fresh mineral core.	12.5%	2020	N/A UK	www.pierre-chavin.com
AIX, Coteaux d’Aix-en-Provence 2019	87	86	89	86	Pleasing red cherries, wild strawberries and a bitter-almond note; delicate, crisp and mineral.	13%	2020	£16.49	Bon Coeur, Harvey Nichols, Hermitage Cellars, Majestic, North & South Wines, Selfridges, Whole Foods Market
Château Barbanau, La Girafe Verte, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	87	87	88	Fleshy peaches and juicy redcurrants with a lush, textural creaminess. Ripe and weighty.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.chateau-barbanau.com

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Château Calissanne, Clos Victoire, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019	87	87	89	86	Smooth creamy saffron oak and honey with an underlying redcurrant freshness.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.chateau-calissanne.fr
Château d'Astros, Cuvée Spéciale, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	86	89	85	Zippy spearmint and watermelon aromas with a bitter twist of orange peel succulence.	13.5%	2020	N/A UK	www.astros.fr
Château des Bertrands, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	85	89	86	Scented rose petals on a bed of fleshy sweet peaches and cream.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.chateaudesbertrands.com
Château des Bormettes, Instinct Parcellaire, La Londe 2019	87	88	88	86	Jasmine and spicy citrus; very fresh and juicy with a mineral finish.	13%	2020	£19.50 (2016)	Waud Wines
Château d'Estoublon, La Réserve, Méditerranée 2019	87	86	90	86	Spiced pear and red-cherry notes with a structured, mineral core. Gastronomic and textured.	13%	2020	N/A UK	https://shop.estoublon.com
Château Grand Boise, Jadis, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	85	89	86	Saffron and lavender florals with a succulent orangey palate, fresh acidity.	12%	2020	£25.75	Vagabond Wines
Château Léoube, Love by Léoube, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	87	85	89	Tangy red apples and cherries with a supple, creamy palate and zippy finish.	13%	2020	£16-£19.95	Millésima, Waddesdon Wine
Château Maïme, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	86	89	87	Fine-boned, elegant florals with an apricot and red-apple freshness and a zesty finish.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.chateau-maime.com
Château Mentone, Cuvée Emotion, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	88	88	84	Freesia and peach blossom aromatics with a firm mineral character and zippy acidity on the palate.	13.5%	2020	N/A UK	www.chateaumentone.com
Château Montaud, Terres de Ravel, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	87	88	86	Moreish mineral and leafy berry fruit with an underlying twist of almond-kernel bitterness.	13%	2020	£15.99	Ann et Vin, Milestone Wines, Satchells, Slaughden Wines
Château Paradis, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019	87	86	89	85	Peppery red fruit, crunchy and fresh with a fine core of mineral elegance.	13%	2020	POA	Ellis of Richmond
Château Roubine, Roubine la Vie en Rose, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	90	86	85	Raspberries, strawberries and pomegranates with traces of sweet herbs and a creamy, soft texture.	12.5%	2020	£12.50	Millésima
Château Saint-Baillon, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	89	85	86	Powdered violets, redcurrants and watermelon freshness with a lovely mineral acidity.	12.5%	2020	£11	Goedhuis & Co
Château Vert, Cuvée Séduction, La Londe 2019	87	86	87	88	Sprightly cherry aromatics, a fleshy, ripe palate and a soft, red-fruit finish.	13%	2020	N/A UK	+33 (0)4 94 66 80 59
Château Vignelaure, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019	87	87	90	84	A touch of cassis and creamy almonds combining nicely with grapefruit and watermelon acidity.	13%	2020	£16.50-£18	JN Wine, The Wine Society
Domaine Houchart, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	87	87	86	Candyfloss and ripe berries on a bed of rounded, fresh acidity, plummy finish.	13.5%	2020	£12.25 (2018)	Gusto Wines
Domaine Houchart, Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire 2019	87	88	87	86	Vigorous sweet apricots and strawberries with a joyous, creamy opulence and a hint of spice.	14%	2020	N/A UK	www.famillequot.com
Domaine Saint-Mitre, Cuvée M, Coteaux Varois en Provence 2019	87	85	85	91	Vibrant redcurrant and cranberry characters with a delicate, chewy texture and a saline core.	13%	2020	£14.99	France Domaines
Du Kif, Méditerranée 2019	87	86	89	86	Light floral and herbaceous perfume with gentle grapefruit acidity and a fresh citrus finish.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.kif.vin
Emotion, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	89	87	84	Orange, pomander and gentle spice with a softly textured palate and wild-berry acidity.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.emotionrosewine.com
Estandon, Légende, Côtes de Provence 2016	87	90	83	88	An evolved style, juicy marmalade fruit, nutty honeyed notes and brisk acidity.	12.5%	2020	N/A UK	https://catalogue.estandon-vignerons.com
Famille de Wulf, Jas d'Esclans, Côtes de Provence CC 2019	87	83	87	92	Pomegranate juice, strawberry and a touch of spice with a fresh citrus acidity.	13.5%	2020	£13.99	Vinceremos, Vintage Roots
Figuière, Magali Signature, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	87	84	89	Aromatic rosehip and spicy redcurrants; rich and rounded with a crisp finish.	13%	2020	£14.57-£15.91	Jascots, Robert Rolls
La Bastide des Deux Lunes, Tout Près des Étoiles, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	86	90	86	Cherry fruit and kernels, earthy spice and floral notes with an energetic mineral character.	13.5%	2020	£12	Epicerie Ludo, Kwoff
Les Valentines, Le Caprice de Clémentine, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	86	88	87	Grippy, bright red cherries and notes of rhubarb crumble with a long, textural finish.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.lesvalentines.com
Mirabeau, Pure, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	85	90	86	A blend of citrus peel, herbs and almonds with a persistent, fresh finish.	13%	2020	£14.99	Waitrose
Ravoire & Fils, Manon, Côtes de Provence 2019	87	87	89	86	Gentle citrus blossom and fresh peach with a delicate mineral finish.	13%	2020	£12.99	Majestic
Barton & Guestier, Tourmaline, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	86	87	86	Exuberant cranberry fruit and creamy saffron spice with a soft, supple palate.	13%	2020	£11.99	Kingsland Drinks



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Bernard Magrez, L'Excellence des Muraires, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	85	89	85	A powerhouse of dried peach blossom, apricot and spice; warming and creamy-rich.	14.5%	2020	POA	Harrods, Hedonism, Jeroboams
Bieler Père et Fils, Sabine, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2018	86	85	90	82	Black fruits with hints of orange peel spice; textured with a fresh acidity.	13%	2020	£13.95	Lanchester Wines
Caves d'Esclans, Whispering Angel, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	84	87	87	Crème fraîche and dried cranberries with a rounded texture and zippy acidity.	13.5%	2020	£15.95	Jeroboams, Roberson
Champs de Provence, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	84	88	86	A berry bonanza infused with citrus grapefruit acidity and a watermelon freshness.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.prestigebevgroup.com
Château Calissanne, Calisson, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019	86	83	89	85	Enticing spice and cherry-blossom perfume with a delicate, silky texture.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.chateau-calissanne.fr
Château des Ferrages, Roumery, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	88	84	86	Bracing apple and citrus aromas with a raspberry-jam juiciness.	13%	2020	£14.99	Hatch Mansfield
Château La Coste, Grand Vin, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019	86	86	89	83	Pleasant red cherries and raspberries with warm spice and a spritzy acidity.	14%	2020	£30	Thorman Hunt
Chateau l'Aumérade, Marie-Christine, Côtes de Provence CC 2018	86	86	85	87	Baked honeyed apricots with a touch of toffee-saffron maturity.	12.5%	2020	£14.49-£15.50	Hallgarten Wines, Hard to Find Wines, Slurp, Waud Wines
Château Maïme, Heritage, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	86	87	85	A fruit basket of cherry, peach and cranberry with mouthwatering acidity.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.chateau-maime.com
Château Maravenne, Collection Privée, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	85	88	84	Spiced apricot aromas combine with dried flowers on the earthy palate.	13%	2020	£18.99	The Solent Cellar
Château Paradis, Terre des Anges, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019	86	84	88	86	Delicate herbal notes with perfumed florals and a crisp, leafy acidity.	13%	2020	POA	Ellis of Richmond
Château Paradis, EssenCiel, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019	86	85	86	86	Warm peach and cherry fruit with a contrasting bitter-almond note.	12.5%	2020	POA	Ellis of Richmond
Château Peigros, Camille, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	89	83	85	Cool mineral notes enveloped in a creamy red-fruit core.	13%	2020	N/A UK	contact@chateau-peigros.com
Château Saint-Esprit, Signature, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	85	87	87	Cooked rhubarb and sweet apricots with a gentle mineral backbone and fresh acidity.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.saintesprit-provence.com
Château Saint-Esprit, Saint-Esprit, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	85	86	88	Appealing earthy mineral notes with lots of fresh, rounded fruit character.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.saintesprit-provence.com
Château Saint-Roux, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	87	84	88	Watermelon and sweet cranberry with creamy saffron and crisp, rustic acidity.	12.5%	2020	N/A UK	www.chateausaintroux.com
Château Vannières, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	86	88	84	Lifted blossoms and rose petals on ripe berry fruit and a searing acidity.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.chateauvannieres.com
Domaine de Cala, Coteaux Varois en Provence 2019	86	89	87	83	Nutty with creamy pear and apple fruit; fresh and mineral.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.domainedecala.com
Domaine de la Vieille Tour, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	85	85	87	Pear and peach with a fleshy acidity and a mineral edge.	13%	2020	£12.50-£15	Camber Wines, D Byrne & Co, Hoult's
Domaine d'Eole, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019	86	83	89	87	Spicy, floral perfume with a creamy texture and lots of berry fruit.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.domainedeole.com
Domaine Sainte-Marie, Tradition, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	89	87	83	Bonbon peardrop aromas with an energetic cranberry bite on the palate.	12.5%	2020	N/A UK	www.domainesaintemarie.fr
Gueissard, Les Papilles, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	83	85	90	Broad flavours of rhubarb and sweet redcurrant with a crisp, citrus length.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.lesvignoblesgueissard.com
Les Valentines, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	85	89	85	White peach with hints of orange peel and lively spice notes.	13%	2020	N/A UK	www.lesvalentines.com
Mirabeau, Classic, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	84	87	86	Honeysuckle florals with creamy red fruit and a chewy texture.	13%	2020	£11.99	Waitrose
Peyrassol, Réserve des Templiers, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	90	83	84	Pretty peachy florals and fresh cherries with peardrop sherbet fizz.	12.5%	2020	£12.99	Majestic
Régine Sumeire, La Source Gabriel, Côtes de Provence 2019	86	88	83	88	A gastronomic style with nutty pomegranate fruit and a chewy acidity.	13.5%	2020	£12.95	Corney & Barrow
Terre de Mistral, Rosalie, Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire 2019	86	83	85	89	Inviting, juicy red and blue berry fruit with soft acidity.	13%	2020	£17.50	Swig

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■ **Bernard Magrez, Le Château des Muraies** *Séduction, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 14%, 2020, £21* Direct Wines, Laithwaite's ■ **Château Bonisson, La Petite Causerie, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019 85, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** www.bonisson.com ■ **Château Cavalier, Cuvée Marafiance, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** www.chateau-cavalier.com ■ **Château Léoube, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 13.5%, 2020, £18.50-£25 JN Wine, The Oxford Wine Co, Waddesdon Wine** ■ **Château Maravenne, Don de Dieu, Côtes de Provence La Londe 2019 85, 13%, 2020, £24 The Solent Cellar ■ **Château Minuty, Rose et Or, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 12.5%, 2020, £24.17-£25.99 Berkmann, Millésima ■ **Château Minuty, Prestige, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 12.5%, 2020, £18.33-£19.99 Berkmann, Millésima ■ **Château Minuty, M de Minuty, Côtes de Provence 2018 85, 13%, 2020, £14.95-£15.83 Millésima, Roberson ■ **Château Vert, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** www.chateau-vert.com ■ **Domaine de Bendel, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** www.domainedebendel.fr ■ **Domaine des Aspras, Les Trois Frères, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 13.5%, 2020, N/A UK** www.aspras.com ■ **Domaine Longue Tubi, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** www.longuetubi.fr ■ **Domaine Pey Blanc, Pluriel, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019 85, 12.5%, 2020, £12 Tanners ■ **Estandon, Reflet, Coteaux Varois en Provence 2019 85, 12.5%, 2020, £17 Tannico ■ **Peyrassol, Le Clos, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 12.5%, 2020, £27.50 Millésima ■ **Porquerolles, Les Terrasses de la Courtade, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** www.lacourtade.com ■ **Porquerolles, Domaine de l'Île, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** www.lacourtade.com ■ **Porquerolles, Alycastre, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** www.lacourtade.com**************

lacourtade.com ■ **Ultimate Provence, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 13%, 2020, £23.99 North & South Wines ■ **Vineyard Productions, Maïa, Côtes de Provence 2019 85, 13%, 2020, £18.95 Beckford Bottle Shop ■ **Château Cavalier, Grand Cavalier, Côtes de Provence 2019 84, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** www.chateau-cavalier.com ■ **Château d'Astros, Côtes de Provence 2019 84, 13.5%, 2020, £11.69 All About Wine ■ **Château des Bormettes, L'Argentière, Côtes de Provence 2019 84, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** www.chateaudesbormettes.com ■ **Château Gairoird, Côtes de Provence 2019 84, 13%, 2020, £12.50 ND John ■ **Château L'Aumérade, Henri Fabre, Côtes de Provence 2018 84, 12%, 2020, £12.49 Fintry Wines, Great Wines Direct, Hallgarten Wines ■ **Château Montaud, Côtes de Provence 2019 84, 13%, 2020, £12.50 Ann et Vin, Bowland Forest Vintners, Connolly's, Field & Fawcett, HarperWells, Milestone Wines, Richard Granger, Satchells, Slaughden Wines, Vinomondo, Wine Raks ■ **Château Vivonne, Côtes de Provence 2019 84, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** +33 (0)4 94 98 70 09 ■ **Cibonne Selections, Tentations, Côtes de Provence 2019 84, 13%, 2020, £22 Red Squirrel ■ **Domaine Gavoty, Grand Classique, Côtes de Provence 2019 84, 13.5%, 2020, £11.95 Jeroboams ■ **Domaine Pey Blanc, No1, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019 84, 12.5%, 2020, £13.95 Tanners ■ **Marks & Spencer, Cuvée Rosée, Coteaux Varois en Provence 2018 84, 13%, 2020, £9.50 Marks & Spencer ■ **Mathilde Chapoutier, Grand Ferrage, Côtes de Provence 2019 84, 13%, 2020, £14.99 Hatch Mansfield ■ **Miraval, Studio, Méditerranée 2018 84, 13%, 2020, £12-£16.95 Co-op, Hic, Millésima, Tesco ■ **Château de Bellet, La Chapelle, Bellet 2018 83, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** www.chateaubellet.com ■ **Château de Berne, Côtes de Provence 2018 83, 13%, 2020, £15.99 (2019) Majestic ■ **Château Paradis, Anges & Démons, Méditerranée 2019 83, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** www.chateau-paradis.com**************************

chateuparadis.com ■ **Domaine de l'Amaurigue, Fleur de L'Amaurigue, Côtes de Provence 2019 83, 12.5%, 2020, N/A UK** www.amaurigue.com ■ **Domaine de l'Amaurigue, Côtes de Provence 2019 83, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** www.amaurigue.com ■ **Le Grand Cros, GC, Côtes de Provence 2019 83, 13%, 2020, N/A UK** +33 (0)4 98 01 80 08 ■ **Mas de Cadenet, L'Echappée Belle, Côtes de Provence 2019 83, 12.5%, 2020, £10.95 The Wine Society**

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