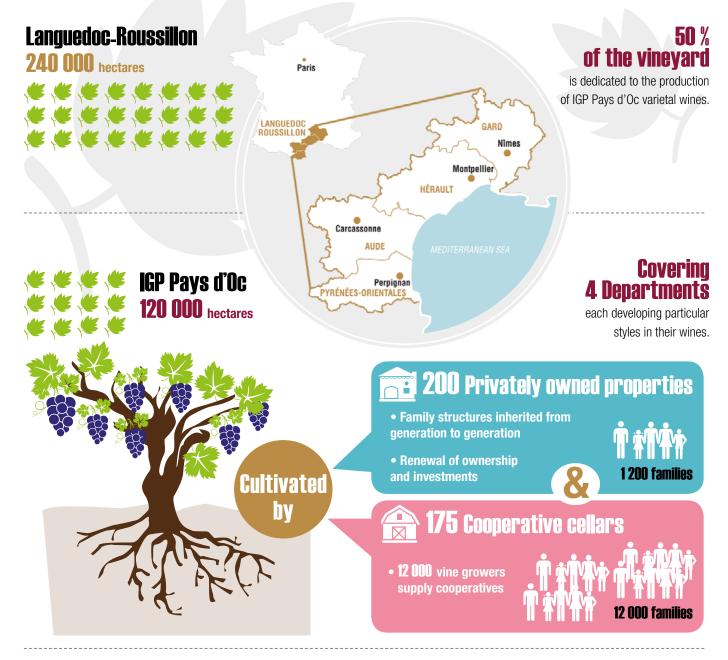






## Vins Pays d'Oc IGP, a region of family vineyards



#### Wine is in our nature

Wine-growing culture stretching back thousands of years.

Rich and dense diversified production.

Rural economy creates Languedoc's landscape.

Our viticulture is firmly rooted in Languedoc-Roussillon's landscape, forming the authenticity and strength of our regional network.



# Languedoc character & Mediterranean climate



#### A climate which ensures healthy vines

The PGI Pays d'Oc production area covers Languedoc-Roussillon:

- France's third sunniest region Swept by four regional winds
- Between garrigue, pine forests, olive trees, green meadows, oaks and strawberry trees
- Has good pedoclimatic conditions
- Allows synergy with nature



#### **Healthy vines**

#### → more natural crop

- Minimises the use of treatments
- Grapes mature naturally thanks to copious sunshine



#### Languedoc-Roussillon:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> region for organic production,

with 25 000 hectares certified representing 1 hectare out of 10 and an annual production estimated at 1 million hl.

#### **■ IGP Pays d'Oc BIO wines:**

1st French area of production with 500 000 hl or 67 million bottles produced by 150 privately owned wineries & 30 Cooperative cellars.

**The natural ripening process**, developing the level of grape sugar and concentration of musts is due to the exceptional pedoclimatic conditions. The Union of Producers of IGP Pays d'Oc Wines prohibits chaptalisation, a commonly used practice in other regions which encourages early harvesting with a ripeness compensation by the addition of sugar.

The natural ripening of grapes leads to **strong concentration in style and highly aromatic varietal wines.** Varietal IGP Pays d'Oc wines are characterised in style principally by intense **fruit.** 

- Blackberry
  Strawberry
  Raspberry Redcurrant
  Blackcurrant
  Mediterranean heathland
  Game Vanilla Pepper
  Cocoa Liquorice
  Violet Cinnamon
  Leather Undergrowth
  Lime tree
  Truffle Prune
- Pear Apricot
  Lychee
  Citrus fruit
  Pineapple
  Mango Vanilla
  Butter Acacia
  Hazelnut Peach
  Gingerbread Honey
  Hawthorn
  Melon Camomile
  Honeysuckle...
- Strawberry
  Raspberry
  Rose Banana
  Lychee Almond
  Hazelnut
  Lime tree
  Eucalyptus
  Orange peel
  Wild peach...



## **IGP Pays d'Oc: Certified Origin and Quality Label**



#### From the Producers :

#### **Commitment to quality**

Producers accept the strict monitoring that comes with our specifications. They choose the dynamic and value-adding PGI Pays d'Oc and each year dedicate 50% of their harvest to it.

#### The role of the union: **Large scale quality control**

ALL YEAR ROUND the teams of the Union of Producers of IGP Pays d'Oc wines and a panel of external tasters operate a systematic administrative and organoleptic control of the wines.

**18 000** wines controlled and tasted

By **120** tasting commissions

By a pool of **350 motivated tasters** 

An administrative team processes requests for certification.

A team of technicians collects samples (2 for each specific wine) and prepares their anonymity for their organoleptic blind tasting.

**EACH WEEK** this represents:

Up to **900** tanks sampled and tasted

**13** organoleptic tasting commissions

Up to **180** tasters involved

THE TASTERS are spread out in 3 groups according to their activity:

**TECHNICIANS:** members recognised for their professional qualifications (laboratory œnologists).

**ECONOMIC OPERATORS:** members representing IGP Pays d'Oc producers and the economic network (independant wineries, cooperative cellars, wine merchants and distributors).

PROFESSIONALS IN CONTACT WITH THE PRODUCT: members representing users of the product (wine waiters, commercial representatives, sales promoters, consumers, agents).



80% of our tasters have superior education diplomas specialised in viticulture and cenology (DNO, BTSA, BA, Masters, DESS).

3 are wine waiters.

**10%** are wine producers and/or have certificates in viticulture and oenology.

1 sample is tasted by at least 3 tasters from at least 2 different groups

are consumers (100 % have followed a training program in tasting organized by the IGP Pays d'Oc union).



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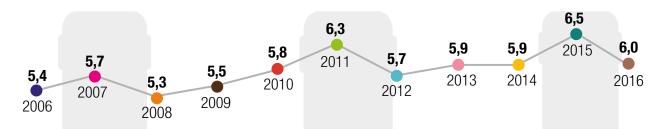
#### 9 control points



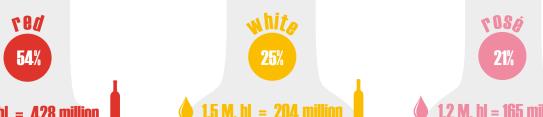
## **Broad range of varietal wines Certified Quality and Origin**



#### A stable production level: for each vintage, approx. 6 million hl



### **Inherent diversity because of our 58 grape varieties**



 $3.2 \, \text{M. hl} = 428 \, \text{million}$ 

340 688 hl
861 151 hl
433 109 hl
176 419 hl
113 460 hl
104 336 hl
61 702 hl
44 481 hl
22 912 hl
21 544 hl
14 835 hl
6 669 hl
4 326 hl
3 067 hl
1 884 hl
1 085 hl
530 hl
433 hl
82 hl

<b>A</b>	
Chardonnay	743 383 hl
Sauvignon Blanc	432 683 hl
Viognier	126 842 hl
Générique Blanc	54 079 hl
Grenache Blanc	39 286 hl
Muscat petits grains	38 918 hl
Vermentino	25 195 hl
Colombard	22 989 hl
Terret blanc	9 069 hl
Marsanne	8 746 hl
Roussanne	5 460 hl
Gewurztraminer	4 672 hl
Chasan	4 659 hl
Muscat d'Alexandrie	2 989 hl
Pinot Gris	1 962 hl
Sauvignon gris	1 761 hl
<b>Chenin</b>	1 757 hl
Mauzac	1 706 hl
Pinot Blanc	911 hl
Alvarinho	843 hl
Riesling	620 hl
♦ Clairette	578 hl
Semillon	295 hl

Grenache Noir	376 855 hl
Cinsault	302 656 hl
Syrah	256 241 hl
Générique Rosé	119 477 hl
Merlot	113 515 hl
Cabernet-Sauvigr	<b>10n</b> 29 049 hl
Cabernet Franc	17 805 hl
Pinot Noir	14 349 hl
Grenache Gris	6 907 hl
Pinot Gris	1 050 hl
Sauvignon Gris	390 hl
Petit Verdot	343 hl
Mourvèdre	236 hl
Malbec	100 hl
Marselan	60 hl

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The diversity of terroirs, of economic structures, of philosophies, the regional geographic parameters of the territory's production, based on the diversity of grape varieties, traditions, experience and the energy of the producers have led to an

61 hl

29 hl

Macabeu

Grenache aris

Gros Mansena

Petit Manseno

infinite combination of aromatic styles for each grape variety



## **Guaranteed Sourcing**



Cooperative cellars and private wineries produce, each year:



6 million hl





Wine merchants buy

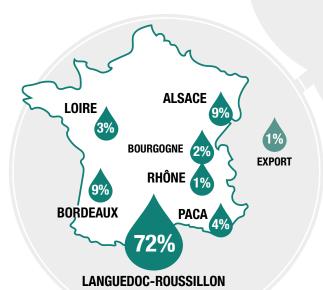
85 % of the production in bulk

to supply their needs for trade marks in



5,2 million hl





varietal wines:

The highly structured bulk market provides stability in volumes traded in millions of hectolitres:



Source: Bulk Contracts / Inter Oc

#### **Geographic spread of merchant customers**

72% of wines are bought in bulk by merchants of the Languedoc-Roussillon region but merchants

throughout France capitalise on sales of varietal IGP Pays d'Oc wines for their commercial trade brands.



Introduced in 2014, it currently concerns more than 500,000 hectolitres.

#### Objectives:

- Galvanize partnerships
- Consolidate the bulk market
- Advantage: security for both parties.

FOR THE SELLER The pre-sold volume provides a financial guarantee thereby favouring investments.

FOR THE BUYER The reserved volume solves the need for sourcing.

By avoiding the price volatility linked to supply and demand, this partnership creates stability and security, criteria which are essential for the sustainable development of the sector.

#### **CSR**

Corporate Social Responsibility helps reinvent professions and should be tackled collectively to build new alliances, bring out new solidarities and strengthen the ecosystem.

The three-year contract improves the Client-Supplier relationship. It builds a foundation of loyal and committed business partners who, in the event of a problem (either temporary or structural), will always be more inclined to trust each other.

"Show me how you treat your suppliers and I'll tell you how mature your CSR is!"

# A collective diversified offer of wines for each market segment



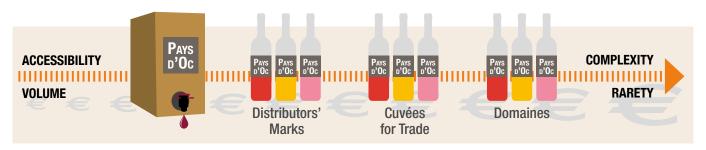
#### Trade



#### The diversity of the offer makes it possible to offer quality varietal wines

- ✓ At all price points ✓ In all packaging formats So can meet
- ✓ All times and styles of consumption ✓ All distribution channels

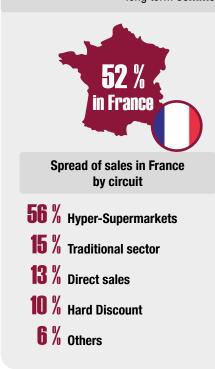
### Each consumer can find a varietal Pays d'Oc wine to please

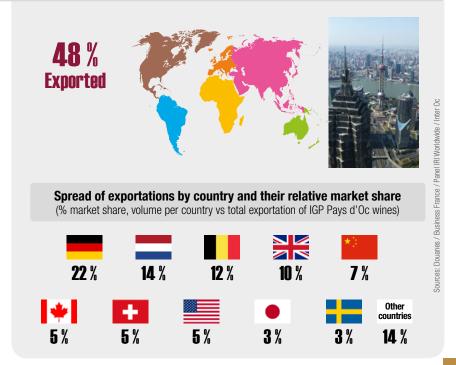


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#### Each second, 24 bottles of varietal IGP Pays d'Oc wines are sold in the World

Because of the work of cooperatives, wineries and merchants, the IGP Pays d'Oc have acquired a wide, long term **commercial presence** in terms of **target countries** and distribution circuits.







## A historic change: Booming varietal wines

#### Over the last 20 years, the set of cards has been redistributed!

- **In European producing countries**, consumption is dropping: new, younger generations, more occasional, less numerous, are ready to be seduced and attracted as regular consumers.
- In English speaking countries, wines from the New World have strongly developed their position. Their credo: varietal wines sold under strong trade marks. With highly concentrated means of production and powerful marketing companies, the New World develops the rotation of heavily marketed wines benefiting from strong promotional campaigns.
- Throughout the world, consumption is undergoing transformation: opportunities to drink wine are multiplying, wine is becoming more popular than in the past, a casual approach, curiosity and discovery are ever present. Immediate pleasure rather than the nostalgia of wines to lay down and wait for... Nevertheless, wine remains an elitist product for connoisseurs.

**Varietal wines** have an advantage which blended wines do not benefit from: they **train consumers' palates**, developing clearly understandable tasting references.

## Each grape variety develops its own specific aromatic profile and key to understanding.

Sales in hyper and supermarkets represent a key indication to consumer tendencies.





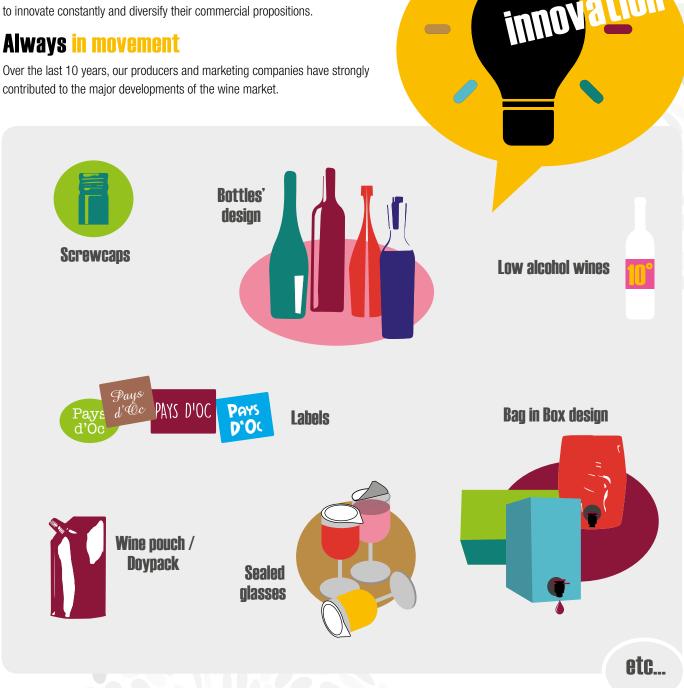
## **Creative Studio** for the wine sector



#### **Alliance of tradition and modernity**

Pays d'Oc producers and merchants capitalise on the flexibility of the IGP system to innovate constantly and diversify their commercial propositions.

#### **Always in movement**



Languedoc-Roussillon's wine-growers are **highly adaptable.** Over the years and through hard times, they have evolved and gained the **capacity to anticipate** and **innovate in order to create the market of tomorrow**.



## Environmental & social awareness

#### **Permanent questioning**

Having determined the need to preserve its viticultural area with respect for people, in 2009 Pays d'Oc PGI launched

its sustainable development and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR\*)

programme: Pays d'Oc Vineyard In Progress®. VIP Pays d'Oc is divided into actions for volunteering companies (workshops, diagnostics and training) and the development of dedicated reference tools (guides).

In line with its desire to co-construct a CSR framework for the sector, Pays d'Oc PGI has stimulated and co-facilitated the adaptation of the ISO 26000 standard for the wine sector under the aegis of AFNOR standardisation.

<u>The result:</u> **the ACX30-032 agreement**, based on the CSR guidelines, specifies the issues and central questions for the wine sector and determines a framework for appropriate actions.



#### Preservation of the environment

- Methods of cultivation respectful of the environment: Sustainable Agriculture, Organic, Biodynamic.
- Decreasing use of chemical input.
- Management of resources (water, energy) and control of effluents...
- Reduction of packaging directly from the supply chain (lighter bottles, optimisation of pallet use...).



#### **Examples of social engagement**

- **Consideration of the multiple concerns of involved people and organisations** (neighbours, consumers, suppliers, employees...).
- Constant improvement of health and security at work (management of professional risks, reduction of accidents, ergonomics).
- Improvement of inequality and precarity of employment (previsional management of work and skills, training programs, work for disadvantaged public...).
- **Apprenticeship and education** (alternating employment, responsible tasting practice).
- Valorisation of the regional territory (wine tourism, local economy, culture and sport...).

#### Example of the transversal "Win-Win" program

An independant winery commercialising 1 million bottles has reduced its packaging from its suppliers (lighter bottles, etc.).



**Financial Gain for the company** 

**70 000 €** economy



Gain for involved employees

Reduction of effort of handling



**Proactivity of professionals** of the Pays d'Oc is to be found in several domaines: Organic wines, Biodynamic viticulture, sustainable viticulture, resistant grape varieties, Social Responsability of companies (RSE), innovations in packaging, wines with low levels of alcohol, sulphites...

## **Future objectives**



Develop the IGP Pays d'Oc economic sector with sustainable viticulture ensuring individual prosperity in a preserved environment

#### **Resistant grape varieties**

A concrete response for many major issues of society and a collective project for the industry. In collaboration with the regional Chambers of Agriculture for technical expertise and the young farmers' union, resistant grape varieties represent a major innovation for our vineyard; reduction of the use of phytosanitary products and an improvement in the stability of production (in volume and quality).

## Strengthening of commercial relations between producers and their clients

via the development of triennial commercial contracts: an essential element for the economic development of concerned companies.

#### Strengthening our brand awareness by communicating with our distributors and consumers:

the consumption of varietal wines with guarantees of origin and quality, wines which keep their promise, with complete transparency.





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