



Terroir

- **Vineyards:** at the foot of the mountainside village of Cairanne, in the Vaucluse department, the vineyards have extended since the fifteenth century towards the Plan de Dieu and the Aigue Plain.
- **Soil types:** red earth on sandstone, argillaceous terraces, stony skeletal soil much of which is sandy molasse.
- **Climate:** typical Mediterranean climate.
- **Background:** the vineyards were developed in the Middle Ages firstly under the aegis of the Knights Templars, then the Hospitaliers of Saint-John-of-Jerusalem. Cairanne has been named Côtes du Rhône Cairanne since 1953 and became Côtes du Rhône Villages Cairanne in 1967.

Production

- **Area under cultivation*:** 759 hectares, annual production: 27343 hl; basic yield: 40 hl/hectare.
- **Grape variety mix:** for the **red wines**, Grenache 50% minimum, Syrah and/or Mourvèdre 20% minimum, other Appellation grape varieties tolerated 20% maximum. For the **rosé wines**, Grenache 50% minimum, Syrah and/or Mourvèdre 20% minimum, other grape varieties tolerated 20% maximum, white grape varieties 20% maximum (Grenache, Clairette, Marsanne, Roussanne, Bourboulenc and Viognier). For the **white wines**, Grenache white, Clairette white, Marsanne white, Roussanne white, Bourboulenc white, Viognier white, other white grape varieties tolerated 20% maximum.
- **Minimum alcoholic strength:** for the reds 12.5%, for the rosé and whites 12%.

Tasting and drinking

- **Appearance:** the red offers purple tints, while the rosé reflects a steady limpid depth. The white has a yellow or pale straw-yellow body with bright tints.
- **Nose:** the reds have a bouquet of small dark fruits and leather. The rosé is fresh and fruity, and the white offers refined, floral and vegetal nuances.
- **Palate:** reds are full, unctuous and spicy. The rosé is well-balanced and lively. Whites, fresh and elegant.
- **At the table:** red, rosé and white are sufficiently full bodied to complement any elaborate spicy dish.
- **Laying down:** reds are laying down wines offering ever changing delights as the years go by. The rosé and white are best enjoyed young.
- **Famous patron:** the film director Claude Lanzmann.



The words to express it

Perched up high, the old village of Cairanne is like a belvedere for the Southern Côtes du Rhône. "From the Ventoux to the Rhône, Cairanne sits the Throne", says an old Cairanne proverb.

* Source: harvest statement 2006

