



## "Terroir"

- **Vineyards:**  
it spreads out over 4 different communities: Camaret-sur-Aigues, Jonquières, Travaillan and Violès.
- **Soil types:**  
Vast terraces of alluvial soil from the Riss, on these, calcareous gravel from the Quarternary era. The gravel lies either on blue clay (Pliocene), or on sandstone cobalt, which allows for an appreciable amount of moisture in the soil during the summer period.
- **Climate:**  
classical Mediterranean climate along with the influence of the Mistral wind.
- **Background:**  
the vineyard was established during the Middle Ages in particular under the influence of the Templar Knights. Chapels, religious communities were established all around the Plan de Dieu. The religious cultivated the vines under the protection of God, and as a sign of God or as a benediction, these wines rapidly developed a certain reknown for their quality.

## Production

- **Area under cultivation\*:**  
468 hectares, annual production: 18183 hl; basic yield: 40 hl/ hectare.
- **Grape Variety mix:**  
Black Grenache 50% minimum, Syrah and/or Mourvèdre 20% minimum, other grape varieties authorized in the appellation 20% maximum.
- **Minimum alcoholic content:**  
12.5%.
- **News:**  
The vineyard was consecrated in 2005 as a Côtes du Rhône Villages (Named Villages).

## Tasting and drinking

- **Appearance:** a deep garnet red colour with violet hues.
- **Nose:** a rich bouquet of very ripe red fruits with notes of garrigue herbs.
- **Palate:** a lovely and powerful structure. The wines are well-balanced and full-bodied with fruit and spices.
- **At the table:** while young, these wines go well with all grilled or roasted meats. Older, they are excellent with poultry, game and stews.
- **Laying down:** good at 5 years of age and also up to 10 years.



## The words to express it

Why the name "Plan de Dieu"?

Other than the Middle Ages being dominated by religious sentiments, this term is supported by the legend that a long time ago when it was necessary to cross through the vast forest and garrigue at the mercy of bandits, they prayed to God to save their souls.

\* Source: harvest statement 2006

