



## "Terroir"

- **Vineyards:**  
It is the furthest south of the Côtes du Rhône Villages Appellation bearing its geographical name and it spreads out over 4 different communes : Domazan, Estézargues, Rochefort du Gard and Saze.
- **Soil types:**  
terraces of rounded pebbles on sand or Pliocene clay, reddened by rust.
- **Climate:**  
with an average altitude of 150 metres above the Rhone River, it is Mediterranean, warm and dry bearing the influence of the Mistral wind.
- **Background:**  
the terroir of Signargues is well-known to historians going from the occupation of the area by the Romans to the battles of Charles Martel, from the Popes in Avignon to the cult of Bacchus. Vestiges still exist, such as the double-faced statue of Bacchus and Ariane which can be seen in the Louvre Museum, found by an archaeologist on the land.

## Production

- **Area under cultivation\*:**  
421 hectares, annual production : 16319 hl;  
basic yield : 40 hl/hectare.
- **Grape Variety mix:**  
Black Grenache 50% minimum, Syrah and/or Mourvèdre 20% minimum, other grape varieties authorized by the Appellation 20% maximum.
- **Minimum alcoholic content:**  
12.5%.
- **News:**  
In 2005, the vineyard was consecrated as a Côtes du Rhône Villages (Named Villages).

## Tasting and drinking

- **Appearance:** purple-red colour with violet tints. A deep and intense colour.
- **Nose:** aromas of jam (cherry, prunes) and spices (liquorice, vanilla, pepper).
- **Palate:** A harmonious balance. Wine with a firm and savoury texture with aromas of ripe fruit, spices and liquorice.
- **At the table:** it is best with elaborate dishes, duck fillets, beef marinated with spices, loin of lamb marinated with thyme.
- **Laying down:** between 2 and 10 years.



## The words to express it

The origin of the word "Signargues" comes from, for the most pragmatic, the colour of the earth mixed with the rounded pebbles. Others see the blood shed by Charles Martel's soldiers pushing back the "Maures" out of the country.

\* Source: harvest statement 2006

