

# LES VINS

*The languedoc, with its back country, its garrigue and its coast embracing the Mediterranean sea, is the largest wine-growing region in the world.*

*A land of tradition and the birthplace of viticulture, this region has now some of the newest vineyards in the world; it is here that the great wines of the third millennium are being produced.*

*I have selected some of the most outstanding for your pleasure....and mine!*

*Jean Michel Gauffre*



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**La Garrigue is delighted to present an outstanding and unique range of Mas de Daumas Gassac. Founded in 1971 by the Guibert family under the guidance of Emile Peynaud, it has been described by the eminent wine writer Hugh Johnson as the “only Grand Cru of the Midi”, and by the venerable Robert Parker as “exceptional”.**

From Samuel Guibert, winemaker at Daumas Gassac:

*Dear friends of La Garrigue*

*At Mas de Daumas Gassac, the Garrigue surrounds the estate, the vineyards and even our home. It is where you find what epitomises the best of our region – wild boars, aromatic herbs such as thyme, rosemary, lavender, sage, pine trees and the very typical Mediterranean oak and of course a few vines!*

*The Guibert family has always had a very strong attachment to the Garrigue forest and meeting John-Michel Gauffre in Edinburgh a few years ago was like finding a little bit of our Mediterranean land with some Scottish flavours!*

*How could we then not have immediately engaged a very strong and friendly relationship with La Garrigue restaurant, such a fantastic ambassador for our beautiful region and its products?*

*Today, we are very proud to have the opportunity to bring you some of the very special tastes and wonderful scents of the Languedoc region through Jean-Michel's cuisine matched with some extremely rare Mas de Daumas Gassac vintage wines. We hope that you enjoy your Mediterranean experience and we look forward to welcoming you very soon in our “magic” Gassac valley....*

Samuel Guibert

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## MAS DE DAUMAS GASSAC

### MAS DE DAUMAS 'GRANDCRU' BLANC 2002-03-04

Bottle £49.00

Wonderfully complex aromas of pear and blossom, the wine is composed of 30% each of Chardonnay, Viognier and Petit Manseng with the remaining blend coming from rare grape varieties from all over the world.

### MAS DE DAUMAS 'GRANDCRU' ROUGE 2003

Bottle £60.00  
Magnum £120.00

An intense and complex nose leads to a fine, savoury and vegetal palate of superb depth and structure. Made from 80% Cabernet Sauvignon with 10 old and new varieties making up the remainder.

## RARE AND EXCLUSIVE VINTAGE COLLECTION

### MAS DE DAUMAS 'GRANDCRU' ROUGE 1995

Bottle £100.00  
Magnum £200.00  
Half £50.00

Complex, smooth and mature with spicy notes and fine texture. A twist of tannin on the finish complements the refined, fruity palate.

### MAS DE DAUMAS 'GRANDCRU' ROUGE 1993

Bottle £110.00  
Magnum £215.00

Packed with meaty, vegetal aromas leading to beautiful sweet fruit flavours of cassis, black cherry and olive with excellent depth and robustness.

### MAS DE DAUMAS 'GRANDCRU' ROUGE 1992

Bottle £120.00  
Magnum £235.00

Expressive cherry and blackcurrant fruit aromas, with a wild, herbal note. The palate is beautifully sweet-fruited and rich with a smoky, dense concentration on the finish.

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## EXCLUSIVE 'GRAND TERROIR' OLD VINE WINES

### **ERAUS, 2007**

£27.00

Sauvignon Blanc (100%)

Fresh and elegant, the wine is full of mineral qualities and has great depth.

### **ELISE, 2006**

£27.00

Merlot (65%) Syrah (35%)

Finesse and concentration are the hallmarks of this wine with cherry fruit and touches of vanilla creating a wonderfully smooth and velvety wine.

### **ALBARAN, 2007**

£28.00

Cabernet (40%) Syrah (25%) Mourvedre (25%) Alicante (10%)

Aromas of chocolate and liquorice and ripe black fruit flavours result in a masculine and rustic style wine.

### **SOL DE LANDOC, 2007**

£27.00

Syrah (50%) Grenache (50%)

Made from 30-50 year old vines, this has a powerful nose of cooked red berries with ripe tannins and a long, long finish. A true expression of the terroir reflected in the name 'sunshine of the Languedoc'.

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## LE DOMAINE DE CLOVALLON

*In the area of the "Midi", called the "haut Languedoc", nested between the two famous appellations of St Chinian and Faugeres, behind the Pic of Tantajo and by the river Orb, lies the small market town of Bedarieux. It is there, against all odds, that Madame Catherine Roque has created the Domaine De Clovallon.*

*Let me introduce you to Catherine 's world, where Clairette, Reisling, Chardonnays, Viognier, and Petit Manseng are flirting with Mouvedre, Syrah, Grenache, and the "indomptable" Pinot Noir .*

*Madame Catherine Roque..., Wine maker...? ....Alchemist...? You decide...*

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| C1 | <b>JOLI CANTEL, 2004</b><br>Clairette, Reisling, chardonnay, Viognier. Fresh, spicy, delicate like a summer breeze.   | £26.00<br>Glass (175ml) £6.50        |
| C2 | <b>CHARDONNAY , 2005</b><br>Quince and citrus fruits, well balanced, light oak.   | £26.00<br>Glass (175ml) £6.50        |
| C3 | <b>LES AIRES, 2006</b><br>Viognier, fresh, light peach, elegant and racy.   | £29.00<br>Glass (175ml) £7.00        |
| C4 | <b>LES AURIEGES, 2002,</b><br>Purity and perfection, an outstanding blend of the Clovallon cepages. Without question one of the great French white wines  | £33.00                               |
| C5 | <b>PINOT NOIR, 2007</b><br>Very unusual for the Languedoc, but due to the areas microclimate<br>Catherines gamble has definetely paid off. Fruity, soft tannins, ideal summer wine.             | £25.00<br>Glass (175ml) £6.50        |
| C6 | <b>PALAGRET, 2005</b><br>A happy marriage of Syrah and young Pinot Noir, a very complex, racy and elegant wine.   | £26.00<br>Glass (175ml) £6.75        |
| C7 | <b>LES POMAREDES, 2006,</b><br>Made from the oldest pinot noir vines of the domaine.<br>This is grand, rich, voluptuous wine. A must for serious wine lovers.                                   | £31.00                               |
| C8 | <b>LE GRAIN DE FOLIE,</b><br>A captivating cocktail of fruits and spices. Pleasant balance of acidity and sweetness, superb with lemon tart or local cheeses, or on its own for the sake of it! | (500ml) £39.00<br>Glass (75ml) £7.00 |

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## LES VINS DE PAYS D'OC

- Sauvignon, Les Vigneaux, les vigneron de la Vicomte, 2007** £15.50  
Glass (175ml) £4.50  
Clean, crisp and fresh wine with herbs and apple.
- Grenache Blanc, Viognier, Domaine Coste, 2007** £17.00  
Glass (175ml) £5.50  
Well balanced with hint of hazelnut and apricot.
- Marsanne, Domaine Astruc, 2006** £18.00  
Glass (175ml) £5.50  
Soft, well balanced, with hints of melon and white peaches.
- Viognier, Domaine Du Château D'Eau, Moillard, 2006** £18.50  
Glass (175ml) £5.50  
Fresh, clean and spicy, with hints of peaches and apricot. (Organic)
- Chardonnay, Sirocco, Domaine Sainte Rose, 2006** £20.50  
Unoaked, round and smooth, hints of pear and pineapple.
- La Madura Classic, Domaine La Madura, 2002** £26.50  
An elegant wine, well balanced acidity, hints of white flowers and peaches.
- La Vie en Rose, Domaine Sainte Rose, 2006** £18.00  
Glass (175ml) £5.00  
By Ruth and Charles Simpson, interesting blend of Grenache, Syrah, Merlot. Vibrant rose wine, with hints of pomegranate and red currants.
- Merlot, Les Vigneaux, les vigneron de la Vicomte, 2006** £15.50  
Glass (175ml) £4.50  
Clean, crisp and fresh wine with herbs and apple.
- Cabernet-Syrah, Domaine Coste, 2005** £17.50  
Glass (175ml) £4.50  
Easy drinking, 50/50, ripe red fruits.
- Pinot Noir, Domaine Du Château D'Eau, Moillard, 2007** £18.00  
Glass (175ml) £5.00  
Smooth and rounded, raspberry flavour, dry finish. (Organic)

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11. **Grenache - Syrah, Domaine Coste, 2007** £20.00

Grenache-Syrah; fruity and supple, hints of cherries on the nose....long.

12. **La Garrigue, Domaine Sainte Rose 2005** £23.50

Deep and dark, warm and generous, hints of thyme and rosemary.

13. **"F" Merlot, Robert Skalli, 2001** £26.50

In homage to Francis Skalli, an outstanding single vineyard Merlot. Remarkable length and volume; ample tannins with hints of red fruits, oregano and caramel.

## DES COTEAUX DU LANGUEDOC, AOC

14. **Picpoul De Pinet, Hugues De Beauvignac, 2007** £16.50

Glass (175ml) £4.50

Clean, crisp and fresh wine, medium bodied, a classic of the area.

15. **Clairette Du Languedoc, Château Condamine Bertrand, 2006** £21.50

An exceptional summer wine, dry, light and refreshing with hints of apple, citrus and nuts.

16. **Mas Des Chimères, Coteaux Du Salagou, 2005** £27.00

Guilhem Darde best white; fragrant and powerful blend of Terret, Chassan, and Viognier. Fresh and complex, with hints of pear and almond.

17. **Les Pampres, Mas Laval, 2006** £26.00

100% Grenache, fruity, supple, and joyful summer wine.

18. **Domaine D'Aupilhac, Montpeyroux, 2004** £31.00

Complex but so enjoyable blend of the 5 grapes of the Montpeyroux terroir. Deep with great length.

19. **Les Caillasses, Coteaux Du Languedoc, 2002** £41.00

Alain Thienot's masterpiece! A powerful, racy and robust wine; a true reflection of the terroir.

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## LES COSTIÈRES DE NÎMES, AOC

20. **Château Grande Cassagne, Blanc 2006** £24.00

A beautiful blend of Roussanne and Grenache by Laurent Darde. Fresh, clean and floral.

21. **Château Grande Cassagne, 2006** £24.00

80% Syrah, with Grenache and Carignan. A modern wine with a huge respect for the terroir trade mark.

## LES MINERVOIS, AOC

22. **La Syrah De Villerembert Julien, 2004** £26.00

100% Syrah, old vines; medium bodied wine with a succulent velvety palate.

23. **La Livinière, Domaine de Vallière L'Orgeril, cru 2003** £26.00

Slight oak, warm and soft, damson, spices and cigar notes.

24. **Le Château de Villerembert Julien, 2004** £33.00

A class act; 80% Mouvèdre, 20% Syrah. Full bodied, rich and elegant.

## LE FITOU, AOC

25. **Domaine Bertrand Berge, Cuvée Mégalithes, 2000** £41.00

Jerome Bertrand has the reputation of producing some of the best Fitou. This 100% Carignan is our witness.

## LES CORBIÈRES, AOC

26. **Château La Batiste VDP D'Hauterive, 2006** £19.50

Rich and delicate hints of vanilla and oak, ripe fruit flavours. Roussanne 55%, Muscat, Bourboulenc.

27. **Domaine Les Crouzets, 2006** £22.50

A dense, powerful and warm blend of Mouvedre and Carignan. Red fruits on the nose, round tannins.

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28. **Château Haut-Glèon, cuvée Claude Viallat, 2003** £38.00

One of my favourites wines. Oak aged Syrah, Grenache and Carignan, with soft tannins; wonderfully full bodied and intense...a must!

## LES PIC SAINT LOUP, AOC

29. **Domaine De L'Hortus, Grande Cuvée, 2005** £35.00

A superb blend of Chardonnay, Viognier and Sauvignon. An exceptional wine of style and elegance, richness and complexity.

30. **Château De Valflaunes, Espérance, 2005** £31.00

From Fabien Reboul; one of the Languedoc's new stars. An exceptional blend of Syrah, Grenache, and Carignan. "Savoir faire" and tradition.

31. **Domaine De l'Hortus, Grande Cuvée 2005** £52.00

This must be one of the area's finest wines. Rich, full, with scents of La Garrigue with silky fruits, long on the palate... a must!!

## LES SAINT CHINIAN, AOC

32. **Domaine Sorteilho, AOC, 2005** £19.50

From the small village of Roquebrun, a complex and aromatic wine. Scents of Garrigue; peppery nose.

33. **La Madura Classic, Domaine de la Madura, 2004** £26.00

A classic, smoky concentrated wine, with hint of raisin and figs. La Garrigue herbs, smooth tannins.

34. **Cuvée Juliette, Domaine de Gabelas, 2004** £35.50

90% Syrah, Grenache and Carignan. Smell and taste of Languedoc; figs and liquorice abound. Noble and elegant.

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## LES FAUGERES, AOC

35. **Les Douves Blanches,Chateau Chenaie, Coteaux du Languedoc 2004** £33.50

(3\*\*\* Guide Hachette 2004) Produced by Eric Chabbert, an elegant and complex blend of Viognier and Roussanne. Hints of apricots and vanilla.

36. **Domaine de La Liquiere, Vieille Vignes, 2005** £32.50

A charming wine with a long finish of dark berries. Rich and soft blend of Grenache, Mouvèdre, and Syrah.

37. **Mas Gabinele, 2001** £32.50

Intense ruby colour; very ripefruit and spices. Charming, full yet delicate wine. 30% Grenache, 30% Carignan, Syrah and Mouvèdre.

38. **Le Mas D'Alezon, Coteau du Languedoc, 2006** £38.50

Elegance and intensity; this careful blend of Syrah and Grenache by Catherine Roques has velvety tannins, with soft violet and wild berries on the nose....class in a glass!

39. **Loblivia, Chateau Chenaie, AOC, 2001** £45.00

Eric Chabbert's treasure. Astonishing blend of Mouvèdre and old Carignan. Full and round, with spices, nutmeg and cloves.

## VIN DE PAYS DE L'HÉRAULT

40. **Viognier, Haute Vallée de l'Orb, 2005** £23.00

100% Viognier; by Laurent Miguel. Recommended by my friend Ghislain. A dry wine, with tones of apricots and peach.

41. **Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Magellan, 2006** £28.50

From the village of Magalas, Bruno Lafon produces this blend of Grenache-Roussanne; rich and full bodied, with a decadent finish of ripe melon, apricot and smoke.

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42. **Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Magellan, 2004** £36.00

Yet another must Bruno Lafon. This blend of Syrah-Grenache has "La Garrigue" screaming out of the glass; wild thyme and wood smoke, with a long finish of fig and ripe red fruit.

43. **Le Mas De L'écriture, terrace du Larzac, 2001** £68.00

Arguably one of the finest wines produced in the region near the town of Jonquiere. A credit to French wine making. A complex blend of the terroir; Syrah, Grenache, Mouvèdre, Carignan and Cinsault.

44. **Domaine De La Grange Des Peres, 2004** £75.00

From the now famous Gassac valley, this nectar is one of the finest produced wines in France. Outstanding value, for a truly outstanding wine.