

RHONE VALLEY WINES

The Rhone Valley is known for its Northern red Syrah wines and strong and fruity Southern red blends (Grenache, Mourvedre, Syrah, -GMS -and other different blends)

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Classification of Rhone Wines

The classification contains 4 categories:

1. Prestige Crus, (40). Very expensive wines. The southern Chateauf-du-Pape, and the Northern Cornas, Cote-Rotie, and Hermitage. Those are the highest quality producers. Wines are the best.
2. Other Crus (12), Expensive quality wines. Crus like the Southern Lirac and Gigondas.
3. Cotes du Rohn Villages (95). Medium price), and
4. Generic cotes du Rohn and Satellite Appellations (affordable). The Rohn's highest volumen producers.

Quality white wines made with Marsanne and Viognier grapes are produced in the in Rohn Valley. Well regarded Rose wines are made in Tavel Appellation produced with Grenache and Cinsault grapes and recently with Syrah and Mourvedre grapes. These rose wines are dry and have more body and structure than more roses.

Top Wines of the Rhone Valley

Northern Rohn Syrah. The birthplace of Syrah offers rich and dense wines that typically have a meaty Edge to them along with loads of black currant, licorice, plums, and olives. The finest wines can age for 20 years.

Chateauf-du-Pape. One of the boldest age-worthy southern Rohn blends is made with no less than 13 different grapes. The dominant varieties include Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre, and Cinsault.

Cotes du Rohn Red. Some of the highest acclaimed southern Rohn reds have higher proportions of Grenache in the blend. As bold as this wines can be, they're rarely oaked. Flavors range from sweet candied raspberries to leather and bacon fat.

Rohn Rose and Tavel Rose. Rohn rose burst with wild strawberry and red currant flavors. The deeple colored roses of Tavel are said to have been a favorite of Ernest Hemingway.

Cotes du Rohn White. Marsanne and Viognier are the champion grapes of Rohn White. Wines are often citrusy with notes of apple, beeswax, and granite-like minerals. Norther Rohn delivers the boldest whites with notes of almond, White peach, and orange bolooosom.

Muscat Beaumes de Venise A rarity. Mucat Blanc goes into what French call VDN or "vin doux naturels"- a fortified dessert wine. Wines are Rich with aromas of orchids, candied orange, Honey, and tropical fruits.

Rohn Valley Recent Good Vintages: 2012, 2010, 2009, 2007, 2005, 2001, 2000.