



• THE RHÔNE VALLEY AT VINISUD

The Rhône Valley is the **second largest French AOC wine region in terms of surface area and output**. It stretches for 200km from Vienne to Avignon.

It consists of **fifteen crus**:

- *Eight northern Crus*: Côte-Rôtie, Condrieu, Château-Grillet, Saint-Joseph, Hermitage, Crozes-Hermitage, Cornas and Saint-Péray;
- *Seven southern Crus*: Gigondas, Vacqueyras, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Lirac, Tavel, Beaufort-de-Venise and Vinsobres.

And in addition to these:

- *The Côtes du Rhône Villages appellation* with four « new » villages : Puymeras, Plan de Dieu, Massif d'Uchaux and Signargues.
- *The Côtes du Rhône Régionale appellation*
- *The 'New School' from the Rhône Valley*, including Côtes du Luberon; Côtes du Ventoux; Coteaux du Tricastin; Costières de Nîmes.
- *The Clairette de Die appellation and Coteaux du Vivarais*
- *Vins doux naturels fortified wines*: Muscat de Beaufort-de-Venise, Rasteau *vin doux naturel*

Key figures

In 2006:

- 419 million bottles of Rhone Valley wines were sold, of which 76% were sold on the French market.
- 101.5 million bottles were exported to 145 different countries, producing a turnover of 293 million Euros.

Presence at VINISUD

- ↳ 311 exhibitors in total in 2006, including 178 on the shared 1220 m2 Inter Rhône stand
- ↳ 336 exhibitors in 2008, including 170 exhibitors on the shared 1530 m2 Inter Rhône stand
- ↳ 2008 location in Halls 11 (Inter Rhône occupies 2/3 of the hall), 9 and 12

New attractions /Tastings at VINISUD

Rhone 2007: A great vintage

In 2007 the Rhone Valley enjoyed exceptional climatic conditions, allowing for the production of a vintage of a very high quality.

The Côtes du Rhône and Rhone Valley AOCs will have the honour of **unveiling the outstanding 2007 Vintage** at the Wine Bar - Hall 11 F41 . For the first time at the Vinisud exhibition, **Inter Rhône** is allowing professional visitors to sample that vintage at **the "Rhône 2007 Vintage" tasting tables. More than 150 samples** will be available.

Special tasting of 2007 Vintage for "Châteauneuf-du-Pape", Hall 9&11, and, Hall 12, on Tuesday 19th at 11am...(Salle de degustation).

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