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Gauby, Dom Gérard Rouss ★★★ Pioneer nr village of Calce. Bio, increasingly natural; lots of innovation; son taking over. High-altitude vyds up to 550m (1804ft), chalk for fresh acidity. Try: Les Calcinaires VIEILLES VIGNES (r / w), Muntada. Dessert wine Le Pain du Sucre. Associated with DOM Le Soula.

Beaucastel, Ch de S Rh ★★★★★ 90' 95' 99' 05' 06' 07' 09' 10' 12' 13' 15' 16' 17' 18 19' 20' Large, organic CHÂTEAUNEUF estate, classic galet stone soils: old MOURVÈDRE, 100-yr-old ROUSSANNE. Dark-fruited, recently more polished wines, overt elegance,

Romanée-Conti, La C d'O ★★★★★ 90' 93' 96' 99' 00 02' 05' 09' 10' 12' 14' 15' 16' 17 18' 19' 20' GC in VOSNE-ROMANÉE, MONOPOLE of DRC. Most celebrated GC in Burg, gold dust. On fabulous form these days. Patience required, for 10–20 yrs. But beware geeks bringing fake gifts.

Tempier, Dom Prov ★★★★★ Iconic BANDOL: where Lucien and Lulu Peyraud revived AC in 30s. Tops for elegance, concentration, longevity. Single-vyds La Tourtine, Cabassau pure expressions MOURVÈDRE. Smart rosé.

Mas de Daumas Gassac L'doc ★★★★★→★★★★ Star since 80s; now run by 2nd generation Samuel Guibert, who uses horses in vyd. CAB-based age-worthy reds from apparently unique soil. Perfumed white from CHENIN blend; super-CUVÉE Émile Peynaud (r); Rosé Frizant. V.gd sweet Vin de Laurence (MUSCAT / SERCIAL).

Mas Jullien L'doc ★★★★★ TERRASSES DU LARZAC star: typical Larzac freshness. MOURVÈDRE, CARIGNAN red: Autour de Jonquières, Carlan, États d'Âme, Lous Rougeos from L'DOC varieties. Carignan Bl and Gr, CHENIN BL for white.

Trévallon, Dom de Prov ★★★ Famous DOM at LES BAUX, created by Eloi Dürrbach; joined by daughter Ostiane. No GRENACHE, so must be IGP Alpilles. Huge reputation fully justified: meticulous viticulture, age-worthy wines. Intense CAB

Grange des Pères, Dom de la L'doc ★★★ Next door to MAS DE DAUMAS GASSAC, and IGP. Red from CAB SAUV, SYRAH, MOURVÈDRE; white 80% ROUSSANNE, plus CHARD, MARSANNE. Difficult to get hold of but pretty special if you can.

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Domaines in
Southern France,
and a select few
from France
itself.

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See [CH-CHALON](#). Intensely sweet **vin de paille** made from red and white grapes. Fortified **Macvin**, local version of ratafia. Classic producers: Bourdy, MACLE, Overnoy. Avant garde: A&M TISSOT, GANEVAT, PÉLICAN, Pignier. Volume / value: co-ops (known here as CAVES Fruitières), Boilley, HENRI MAIRE, J Tissot, LABET.

Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh SW Fr ★★→★★★★ White AOP contiguous with MADIRAN.

Gros, Petit MANSENG, sometimes Petit Courbu and local Aruffiac produce dry and sweet styles. Made by most Madiran growers but note too ★★ CH de Mascaaras. Dry DYA, but sweet, esp if oaked, can be matured.

Paillard, Bruno Champ ★★→★★★★ Newish grande marque has built empire.

Top-quality BRUT Première CUVÉE NV, Rosé Première Cuvée; refined style, esp in long-aged BLANC DE BLANCS 04, NPU 04 02'. Brut NATURE has clever use of PINOT M. Bruno P heads LANSON-BCC group of mainly family houses; daughter Alice taking over at Paillard.

Palette Prov ★★★ Characterful reds, tiny AC nr Aix. MOURVÈDRE, GRENACHE; fragrant rosés, intriguing forest-scented whites; also oddities like FURMINT. Traditional, serious *Ch Simone*, Crémade, Henri Bonnaud.

Partagé, Dom Sav ★★ Tiny bio DOM in CHIGNIN. v.gd. Previously Gilles Berlioz.

Altesse, JACQUÈRE, MONDEUSE, ROUSSANNE. Fun wines: El-hem, La Deuse, Le Jaja, Les Christine, Les Filles, Les Fripons, Princesse.

Pauillac H-Méd ★★→★★★★ 00' 05' 09' 10' 15 16' 18' 19' (20) Communal AC in n MÉD with 18 Classed Growths, incl LAFITE, LATOUR, MOUTON. Famous for long-lived wines, the acme of CAB SAUV. Other top CHX: CLERC MILON, DUHART-MILON, GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE, LYNCH-BAGES, PICHON-BARON, PICHON-LALANDE, PONTET-

CANET. Gd-value Chx: FONBADET, La Fleur Peyraboron, PIBRAN.

Pays d'Oc, IGP L'doc ★→★★★★ Largest IGP, covering whole of L'DOC-ROUSS.

Extremes of quality from simple, quaffing varietals to innovative, exciting; 58 different grapes allowed. CARGNAN, esp old vines, increasingly popular. Big players incl: Bruno Andreu, DOM PAUL MAS, GÉRARD BERTRAND, Jeanjean and co-op FONCALIEU.

Pécharmant SW Fr ★★ 15' 17 18 19 (20) BERGERAC inner AOP on edge of town. Iron and manganese in soil generate biggest, longest-living wines of area. Veteran ★★ CH de Tîregand, DOM du Haut-Pécharmant, l'Ancienne Cure; ★★ Chx Beauportail, Champarel, Corbiac, du Rooy, Terre Vieille; Dom des Bertranoux.

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Pélican, Dom du Jura ★★★ VOLNAY's MARQUIS D'ANGERVILLE venture in Jura, starting with legend Jacques Puffeney's vyds made in fresh styles. Still developing ideas.

Pennautier, Ch de L'doc Dubbed "Versailles of Languedoc", owned by Lorgeril family who have vyds and buy fruit. Signature AC Cabardès, CAB SAUV / MERLOT / GRENACHE / SYRAH. L'DOC richness, B'X restraint.

Pernand-Vergelesses C d'O ★★★ (r) 05' 09' 10' 12 15' 17 18' 19' 20' (w) 14' 15' 17' 18' 19' 20' Village hosting w-facing part of CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE. Now less austere, different vyds thrive in each colour: (r) Île des Vergelesses; (w) Combottes, Sous Frétille. Local DOMS CHANDON DE BRIAILLES, Dubreuil-Fontaine, Rapet, Rollin lead way but try also Berthelemot, JADOT.

Perret, André N Rh ★★ 10' 12 15' 16' 17 18' 19' 20' CONDRIEU DOM, 1st class. Three