



# *WhatToDoWhen*

## HOW TO TASTE A GOOD WINE?

ROUTE # 4 **THE WESTERN WINE ROUTE**





# PREAMBLE

## HOW DID WE SELECT THE VINEYARDS?



You often ask us: "We would like to taste a good wine, where can we go? L'Atelier's team has mobilized and concocted 4 wine routes from the hotel (North, East, West and South). They are the fruit of a long "wine making", based on word of mouth, our experience, and especially, on our visits on the spot.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape is often the first <sup>er</sup>place you think of. You're right, it is one of the places you can't miss. Our goal is to show you that there are so many others. Within an hour's drive from L'Atelier, you have access to treasures!

To integrate our selection, we made sure that the domains met the following 3 criteria:

- ❖ A WISH TO WELCOME : Nothing worse than visiting a domain and not feeling welcomed. Problem solved, the domains present in this selection await you with open arms, at least with a free tasting in the cellar. Some even offer wine tourism activities, free or paid, to give you a great experience. Of course, all of this within the limits of the opening hours (Cf. Practical information at the end of the tour - Attention, these are the Seasonal Hours).
- ❖ AN ENVIRONMENTAL APPROACH: The estate respects the earth and the health of its customers. Very often, it is in organic or biodynamic agriculture or has the label "HVE - High Environmental Value".
- ❖ WINE QUALITY: We are not Parker! We have no desire to rate wines. We simply want you to discover wines whose quality is, in our opinion, indisputable. They are the references of their terroirs. After that, it's all a matter of taste...!

Beyond these purely objective criteria, the wine routes are above all a moment of emotion, an invitation to discover multiple territories and to meet beautiful people. During our tour, we were struck by the passion of the men and women who will welcome you. Many of these vineyards are real family adventures, sometimes started centuries ago, and where each generation proudly passes the baton. Their passion is communicative. It inspires. It questions. It moves. Isn't that the meaning of the journey...?

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# ROUTE #4

## THE WESTERN WINE ROUTE...

IT'S A **285 KM**  
LOOP THAT WILL  
TAKE YOU TO  
THE...



... OF **16**  
**VINEYARDS**  
BETWEEN **NÎMES**, THE  
**CAMARGUE** AND **UZES**!

... WILL LEAD IN  
**24 STEPS** TO  
THE DISCOVERY...







## MY OPINION

Let's be honest! Few of you would ever think of going west of Avignon to discover vineyards. So this is perhaps the most useful wine route of the 4, if only to do justice to the great work of the winemakers. This is where you fill your cellar with good wines at reasonable prices.

It is also the route that will give you the feeling of crossing the most different "countries". All this in a short time. At the start of the route, the pretty and little-known valley of Domazan will charm you. Then, head for the great terrace of the Costières de Nîmes, flat as far as the eye can see. Then, after having crossed the north of the Petite Camargue, you will continue with the restful valley of the Vidourle, authentic and preserved. You will feel the proximity of the Cevennes, and you will head towards the prestigious Duchy of Uzès, to finally reach the gates of the Cèze Valley, a hilly landscape, with a view of the Rhône and the Ventoux.

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## CASTLE OF BOUSSARGUES

CONSULT OUR MAP



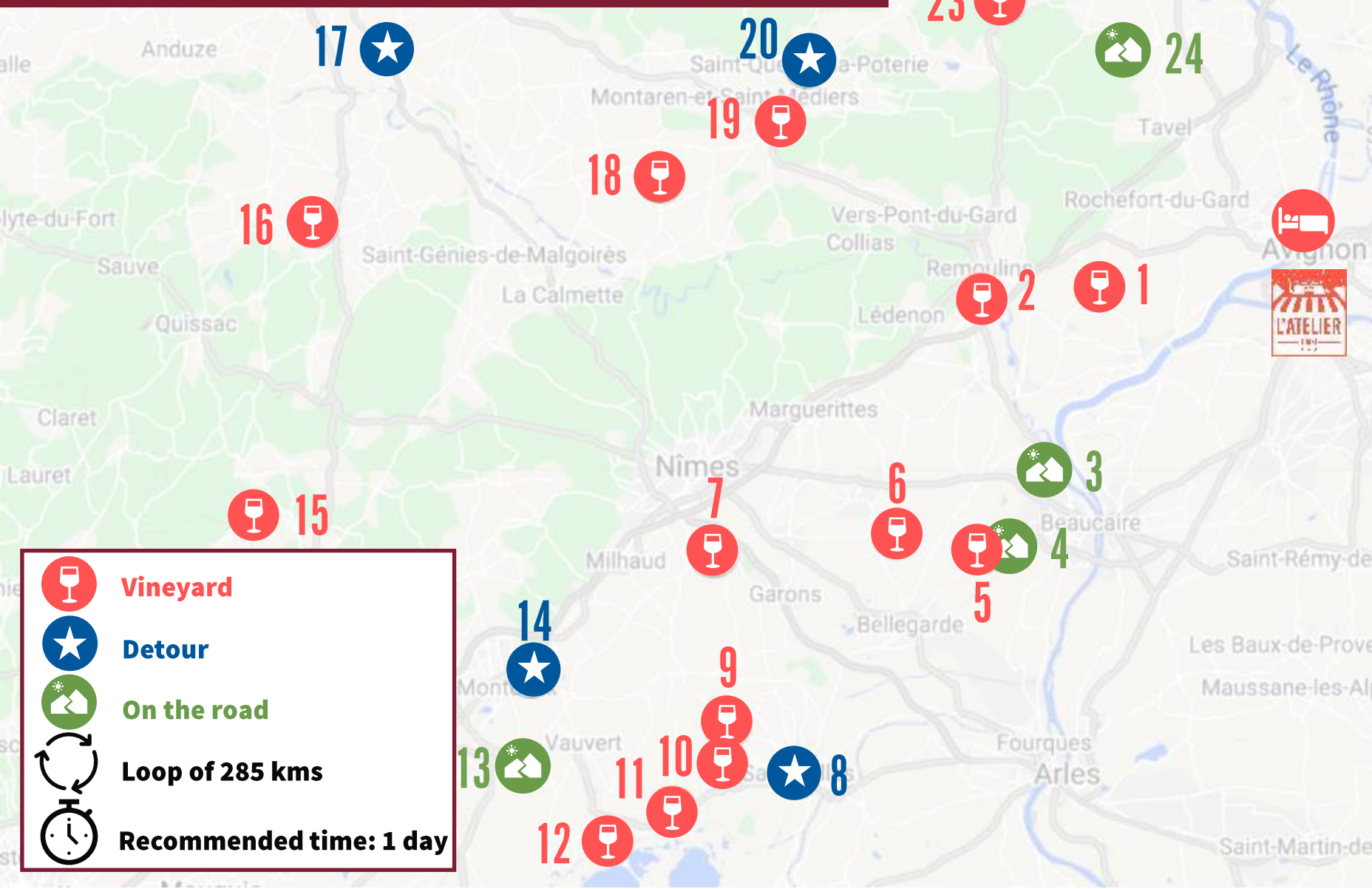
## ROUTE #4 THE WESTERN WINE ROUTE

3 days - Loop of 285 kms (5h30)

*Taste a good wine?*



# ROUTE #4 THE WINE ROUTE WEST OF AVIGNON



## CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE

1. Domain of Valeriane
2. Domain of Poulvarel
3. Troglodytic Abbey of Saint-Roman
4. Gallo-Roman Mas des Tourelles

## COSTIERES DE NÎMES/ PAYS D'OC

5. Mourgues du Grès Castle
6. Campuget Castle
7. Nages Castle
8. Abbey Church of Saint-Gilles
9. Valcombe Castle
10. Or and Gules Castle
11. Beaubois Castle
12. Mas du Notaire
13. Village of Le Cailar
14. La Source Perrier

## PAYS D'OC/ DUCHE D'UZES

15. Mas Granier
16. Grand-Chemin Domain
17. Village of Vézénobres
18. The hills of Bourdic
19. Saint-Firmin Domain
20. St-Quentin-La-Poterie

## CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE

21. La Réméjeanne Domain
22. Boussargues Castle
23. Marjolet Castle
24. Village of St-Laurent-des-Arbres



## TAKE THE WINE ROUTE FROM THE WEST

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### DOMAIN OF VALERIANE

- **THE LITTLE PLUS :**  
Les Signargues and Gabriel Blanc (son of the owner).  
Homemade olive oil.
- **OUR OPINION :**  
A warm welcome, which can be abused by visiting the cellar and strolling through the vines.

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### DOMAIN DE POULVAREL

- **THE LITTLE PLUS :**  
The unusual visit of the 2 Roman tunnels (remains of the aqueduct).
- **OUR OPINION :**  
We love the entrepreneurial adventure of the Glas family, who created the estate in 2004. Results: a modern cellar and fine wines.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Gardon is a tributary of the Rhône.  
But where does it flow into the Rhône?

**THE MOUTH OF THE GARDON AND THE RHONE IS LOCATED IN COMPS.  
THIS IS THE VILLAGE YOU PASS THROUGH TO CONTINUE THIS TOUR.**

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### MOURGUES DU GRÈS CASTLE

- **THE LITTLE PLUS :**  
A lot of activities have been designed for you (connected trail, guided tour, initiation, aperitif, picnic, bicycle, etc.).
- **OUR OPINION :**  
A place where I felt good: the hosts, the motto "Nothing Without Sun" (my nickname: "the lizard"), sheep, good wines...

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### ON THE ROAD

#### GALLO-ROMAN FARMHOUSE DES TOURELLES

Flashback to Roman times and taste the wine of 2000 years ago is possible. An unusual visit!

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### ON THE ROAD

#### TROGLODYTIC ABBEY DE SAINT-ROMAN (Ve)

Like his monks, choose  
To suspend the world  
for a moment.  
Unique place and  
Magical!

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### CAMPUGET CASTLE

- **THE LITTLE PLUS :**  
The place has a crazy charm. Uncluttered, simple, just 100% raw charm.
- **OUR OPINION :**  
Take the opportunity to have a picnic in the park of the castle, with a glass of wine "La Sommelière".

**SUITE**



# CONTINUE THE WINE ROUTE OF THE WEST

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## NAGES CASTLE



### • THE LITTLE PLUS :

2 domains in 1, the Château de Nages to the North and Domaine Gassier to the South.

### • OUR OPINION :

A must! Everything I like. The domain favours the sense things and the long term. Result: a quality year constant in a year. Joseph T. can be proud!

## DETOUR

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## ABBAY CHURCH OF SAINT- GILLES (12TH)

4<sup>e</sup> most frequented place of pilgrimage in the world in the Middle Ages.

## DID YOU KNOW?

What is the symbol for  
Costières-de-Nîmes

AS FOR THE CITY OF NÎMES,  
IT IS A CROCODILE AND A  
PALM TREE, SYMBOLS  
OF SUBJUGATED EGYPT  
PER OCTAVE  
IN 31 BC.

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## VALCOMBE CASTLE



### • THE LITTLE PLUS :

The Ricome family has been in business since 1740.

### • OUR OPINION :

Syrah, biodynamic, breezes and minerality are the present and future of this area. "Garance" can attest to this.

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## CASTLE OF GOLD AND HEADS



## DID YOU KNOW?

What is the Petite Camargue?

YOU WILL SEE SIGNS INDICATING THIS. YOU ARE NOT FAR FROM IT, IT IS THE CAMARGUE GARDOISE IN THE SOUTH OF COSTIÈRES-DE-NÎMES. IT IS CLASSIFIED AS A GREAT SITE OF FRANCE. THE TREASURES : AIGUES-MORTES AND THE POND OF SCAMANDRE.

### • THE LITTLE PLUS :

The "passion" range based on the very old vines of the domain. A MUST.

### • OUR OPINION :

It has become the jewel of Costières de Nîmes in a short time. The merit to its servants since 1998! They have not been afraid to give personality to their wines (10 grape varieties).

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## BEAUBOIS CASTLE



### • THE LITTLE PLUS :

A sister (Fanny) and a brother (François) have set up this century-old vineyard in the "Must" of the Costières. The property is pretty.

### • OUR OPINION :

Beaubois likes to welcome and you can feel it. A wide range of wines, with each vintage bringing its own "touch".

# SUITE



# CONTINUE THE WINE ROUTE OF THE WEST

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## MAS DU NOTAIRE



### • THE LITTLE PLUS :

A beautiful XIXth century farmhouse, with a peaceful courtyard, welcomes you in Petite Camargue.

### • OUR OPINION :

I particularly enjoyed the red wines. The "Signature" offers an excellent quality-ratio price.

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## ON THE ROAD

### VILLAGE OF LE CAÏLAR

Emblematic village of the Camargue Gardoise. Notice the bulls' graves at the entrance of the village.

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## DETOUR

### THE PERRIER SPRING

After the wine, a little bubbles without alcohol... Visit 1h30.

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## MAS GRANIER



### • THE LITTLE PLUS :

Dominique Granier is the Mr Plus of the domain. Passionate and involved in local life.

### • OUR OPINION :

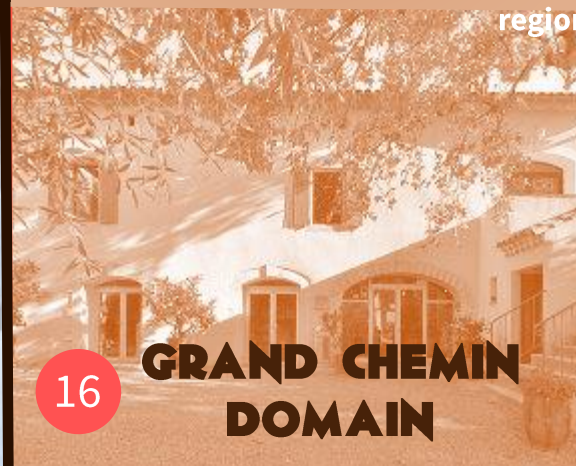
A wine, wished to be accessible to all. The good address that we are transmits, outside the felt beaten.

### • THE LITTLE PLUS :

It's hard not to find his happiness, as there are so many has something for everyone. 3 appellations and 15 grape varieties will give you access to flavours Different from the rest of your route.

### • OUR OPINION :

Anthus (Chardonnay) and JMF (Pinot noir) will take you on new paths in our region!

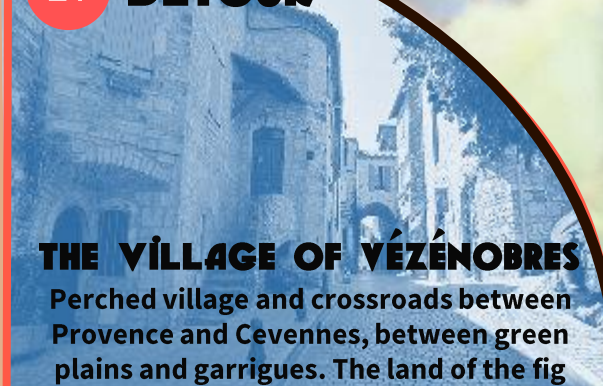


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## GRAND CHEMIN DOMAIN

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## DETOUR



### THE VILLAGE OF VÉZÉNOBRES

Perched village and crossroads between Provence and Cevennes, between green plains and garrigues. The land of the fig tree!

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## THE HILLS OF BOURDIC



### • THE LITTLE PLUS :

For a change, meet an ultra-dynamic and innovative cooperative winery.

### • OUR OPINION :

A wide choice of wines, with a nice complexity at reasonable prices. The harvesting of the grapes at the right time is the basis of the wine making process.



# CONTINUE THE WINE ROUTE OF THE WEST

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## SAINT-FIRMIN DOMAIN



### • THE LITTLE PLUS :

At 2 steps from the historic center of Uzès.

### • OUR OPINION :

Welcoming and sharing are central to the philosophy of this estate. This is reflected in the wide range of wines for that everyone finds his happiness.

## DETOUR

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## ST-QUENTIN-LA-POTERIE

About thirty potters and ceramists. Do not miss the House of Earth.

## DID YOU KNOW?

You are in the Cèze valley (tributary of the Rhône). What is the origin of the name "Cèze" according to the legend?

WHEN CROSSING THE CÈZE, THE KING OF FRANCE FOUND THE WATER RIVER VERY NARROW. A COURTIER TOLD HIM SAID THIRTEEN AND THREE MAKE SIXTEEN, SIRE! THE CÈZE (16) IS BORN.

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## DOMAIN OF LA REMEJEANNE



### • THE LITTLE PLUS :

The passion of the Klein family.

### • OUR OPINION :

This is the type of address we are looking for. Professional and warm welcome, excellent wines, authenticity, organic, location secret...

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## CASTLE OF BOUSSARGUES



### • THE LITTLE PLUS :

The most historic of the wine estates of our wine route, with a castle (12th-15th century) and a chapel (12th century).

### • OUR OPINION :

The wine and the welcome are on a par with its rich 2000 year old history. Some originalities to try: The almost 100% clairette and Chantal's Nectar (found by the matriarch of the place)!

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## MARJOLET CASTLE



### • THE LITTLE PLUS :

One of the best value for money on the wine route. The only cellar in the beautiful village of Gaujac.

### • OUR OPINION :

A wide range of wines, regularly awarded in competitions, both in white and red. Well deserved. Wines characterized by a beautiful balance.

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## ON THE ROAD



## ST-LAURENT-DES-ARBRES

A real labyrinth of ancient streets. We don't promise that you will come out of

SUITE





# PRACTICAL INFORMATION - WESTERN WINE ROUTE

## Vineyard



Domaine de la Valeriane	04 66 57 04 84	Monday to Saturday: 10am to 12pm / 2pm to 6pm.	Free tasting. Pathway. Cellar visit.
Domaine de Poulvarel	04 66 01 67 46	Monday to Saturday: 10am to 12pm / 3pm to 7pm.	Cellar tour and free tasting. Visit to the Roman tunnels 5 €.
Château Mourgues du Grès	04 66 59 46 10	Monday to Saturday: 9am to 12pm / 1:30pm to 6pm.	Free tasting. Cellar visit 12,5 €. Trail (apps). Picnic basket 30 €.
Château Campuget	04 66 20 20 15	Monday to Saturday: 9am to 12pm / 2pm to 6pm.	Free tasting. Walk in the park. Picnic. Animations.
Château de Nages	04 66 38 44 30	Tuesday to Saturday: 10am to 12pm / 3pm to 7pm.	Free tasting.
Château de Valcombe	04 66 01 32 20	Monday to Saturday: 9am to 1pm / 2pm to 7pm.	Free tasting.
Château d'Or et de Gueules	04 66 87 32 86	Monday to Saturday: 10am to 7pm.	Free tasting. Marked path.
Château Beaubois	04 66 73 30 59	Monday to Saturday: 9am to 12:30pm / 1:30pm to 6pm.	Free tasting. Guided tour of the cellar 5 €.
Mas du Notaire	04 67 55 38 50	Monday to Saturday: 9am to 12:30pm / 2:30pm to 5pm.	Free tasting.
Source Perrier	04 66 87 61 01	Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm / 1.30pm to 5pm.	Museum visit 5 €. Museum visit + Perrier spring 7 €.
Mas Granier	04 66 80 01 21	Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm / 2pm to 6.30pm. Saturday: 10am to 12:30pm / 2:30pm to 6:30pm.	Free tasting.
Domaine Grand Chemin	04 66 83 42 83	Monday to Friday: 9am to 12pm / 1:30pm to 6:30pm. Saturday: 9am to 12pm / 2pm to 6pm.	Free tasting.
Collines de Bourdic	04 66 81 20 82	Monday to Saturday: 9am to 12:30pm / 2:30pm to 7pm.	Free tasting. Marked path 8 kms (topoguide). Guided walk or cellar visit 5 € each (Thursdays from July to mid-August).
Domaine Saint Firmin	04 66 22 11 43	Monday to Saturday: 9am to 7pm.	Free tasting.
Domaine La Remejeanne	04 66 89 44 51	Monday to Saturday: 9am to 12pm / 2pm to 6pm.	Free tasting.
Château de Boussargues	04 66 89 32 20	Every day: 9am to 7pm.	Free tasting. Trail 4 km. Cellar visit.
Château de Marjolet	04 66 82 00 93	Monday to Saturday: 9am to 12pm / 2pm to 6pm.	Free tasting. Guided tour.