



What To Do When

HOW TO TASTE A GOOD WINE?

ROUTE # 3 THE SOUTHERN 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 ^{er}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...?

WhatToDoWhen... Taste a good wine?

ROUTE #3

THE SOUTHERN WINE ROUTE...

IT'S A **330 KM**
LOOP THAT WILL
TAKE YOU TO
THE...



... OF 13
VINEYARDS
BETWEEN THE
VENTOUX AND THE
LUBERON!

... WILL LEAD IN **21**
STEPS TO THE
DISCOVERY...





MY OPINION

The Alpilles, the Aix countryside, a hint of the Crau plain, and you get the main territories through which you will wander.

In the Alpilles, you are out in the open, flooded with sunshine, sometimes ventilated by wind. The vines, like the olive trees, are an integral part of the landscape. North of Aix, there are beautiful landscapes of pine forests lovingly encircling the vines.

A bit like in the Luberon, the domains are mostly very beautiful places, gaining in prestige every year. The welcome and the aesthetics are very important. The wine is not left out, with a particularity, to have trusted the Cabernet-Sauvignon to take the wines of the Alpilles and the côteaux d'Aix towards more complexity and keeping. This "Bordeaux" grape variety works wonders here and the progress made over the last 20 years validates this choice. This undoubtedly sets them apart from the other wines of the Rhône Valley.

WhatToDoWhen

ROUTE #3 THE SOUTHERN WINE ROUTE

3 days - 330 kms (6h00)

CHÂTEAU ROMANIN

Taste a good wine?

CONSULT OUR MAP





ROUTE #3 THE WINE ROUTE SOUTH OF AVIGNON


LES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE


1. **Saint-Michel-de-Frigolet Abbey**
2. **Domaine du Grand Fontanille**
3. **Château d'Estoublon**
4. **Daudet Mill**
5. **Mas de la Dame**
6. **Château Romanin**
7. **Domaine des Terres Blanches**
8. **Chapel of Saint Sixtus**


AIX-EN-PROVENCE


9. **Château Bas**
10. **Château de Calavon**
11. **Castle of La Barben**
12. **Château de Beaupré**
13. **Château du Seuil**
14. **Château La Coste**
15. **Château d'Arnajon**
16. **Château Paradis**
17. **Chocolate factory of Puyricard**
18. **Château Virant**
19. **Château Calissanne**
20. **Village of Cornillon-Confoux**
21. **Marius Fabre Soap Factory**




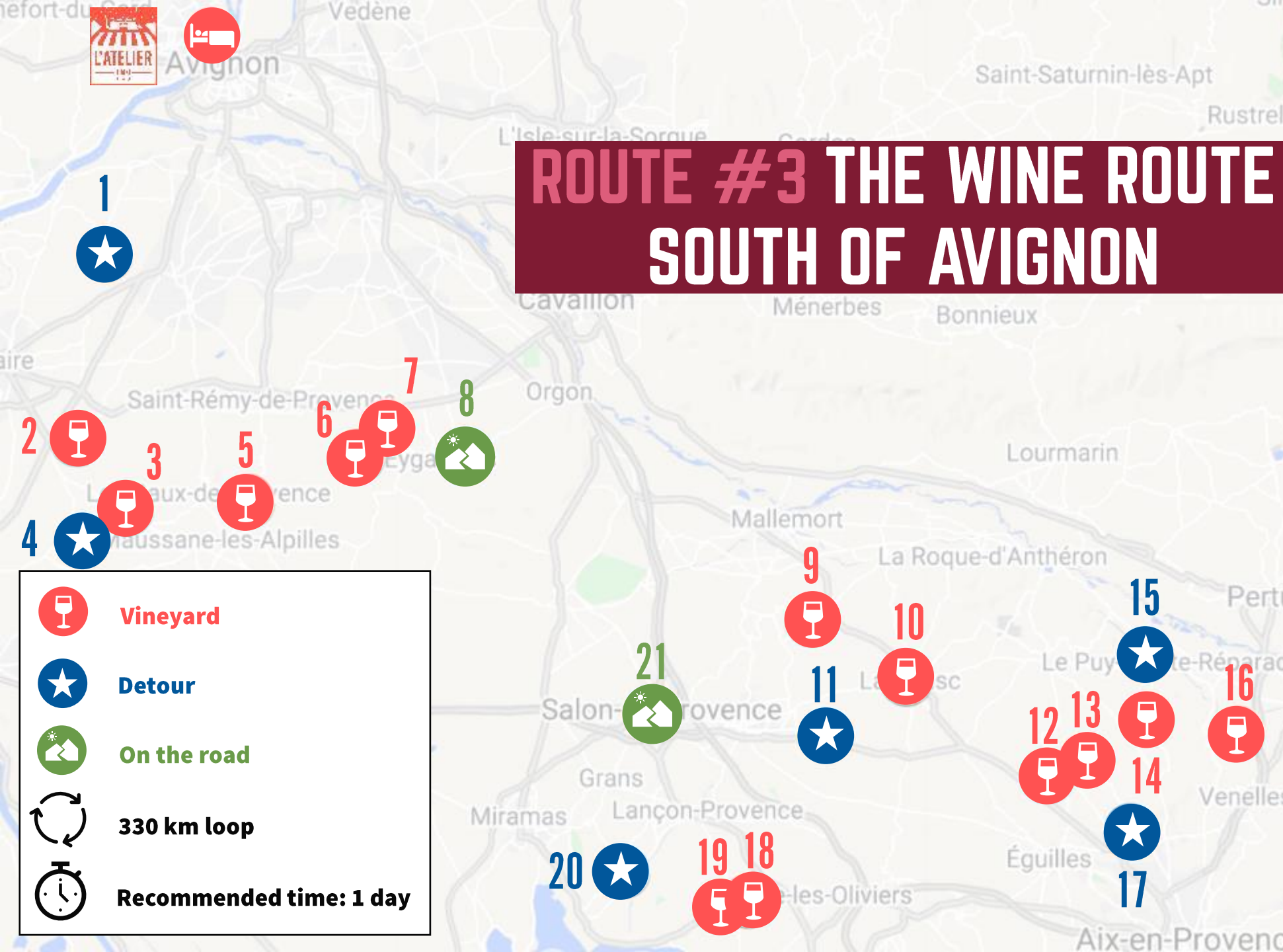
**Vineyard**

**Detour**

**On the road**

**330 km loop**

**Recommended time: 1 day**



CONTINUE THE WINE ROUTE FROM SUD

1 DETOUR

ST-MICHEL-DE-FRIGOLET ABBEY

A restful place, full of serenity. Taste the liqueurs (≠ Elixir du Père Révérend Gaucher) and visit its painted chapel.

DOMAINE DU GRAND FONTANILLE

• THE LITTLE PLUS :

A beautiful house at the foot of the Alpilles.

• OUR OPINION :

Jorg Schmitt will share his passion for the place and its wines with you.

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CHÂTEAU D'ESTOUBLON

• THE LITTLE PLUS :

The place has a magical, unreal feel, somewhere between Provence and fiction. We go there to dream! Especially in spring...

• OUR OPINION :

The wines and olive oils are of high quality. The price includes the prestige of the castle and the souvenirs taken away.

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DETOUR

DAUDET MILL

Do you know Alphonse Daudet well? To be sure, go to the basement of the mill. Meet the writer who chose Fontvieille as his holiday destination.

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DOMAIN OF TERRES BLANCHES

• THE LITTLE PLUS :

Visit 2 in 1, since you also visit its "brother" the Domaine de La Vallongue (Eygalières.). Less people at Terres Blanches.

• OUR OPINION :

A fruity wine to be had in all three colours.

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CASTLE ROMANIN

• THE LITTLE PLUS :

A storytelling around characters: Nostradamus, Hélène Hugolène (La Dame), Van Gogh, Robert Faye, Simone de Beauvoir... Today, Caroline Missoffe and Anne Poniatowski.

• OUR OPINION :

The wine we love, Provence (organic) in a glass.

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MAS DE LA DAME

CONTINUE THE WINE ROUTE FROM SUD

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ON THE ROAD

CHAPEL OF SAINT SIXTUS

Its simplicity contrasts with the majesty of the landscapes that surround it. This gives it a unique charm and timelessness.

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LOWER CASTLE



• THE LITTLE PLUS :

A place full of history, the castle is built on the remains of a Roman sanctuary.

• OUR OPINION :

We love the value for money of Château Bas. The walk around the property will plunge you into 2000 years of history.

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CASTLE OF CALAYON



• THE LITTLE PLUS :

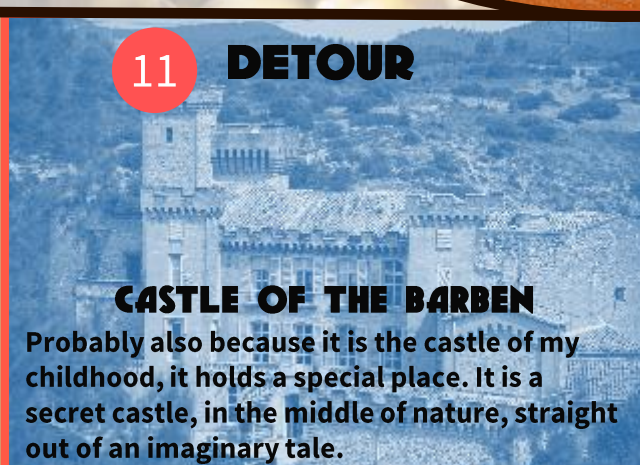
The passing of the baton between the 6 generations of the Audibert family since the 19th century is touching.

• OUR OPINION :

Established in a 17th century coaching inn in the heart of Old Lambesc, the visit does not lack charm. The Cuvée Carignan arouses curiosity!

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DETOUR



CASTLE OF THE BARBEN

Probably also because it is the castle of my childhood, it holds a special place. It is a secret castle, in the middle of nature, straight out of an imaginary tale.

• THE LITTLE PLUS :

The property and its garden are evidence of a rich past as a farm and then as a bourgeois house.

• OUR OPINION :

The 4x4 ride is an original and useful initiative to discover this great domain. I especially like the Blanc Grand Seuil.

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CASTLE OF SEUIL



CASTLE LA COSTE

• THE LITTLE PLUS :

The Art/Wine concept (prestigious artists) offers a magnificent stroll.

• OUR OPINION :

The place has become very sophisticated, contrasting with the affordable vintages.

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• THE LITTLE PLUS :

The Bastide 18th century typical of Aix.

• OUR OPINION :

It is a reference and a proud representative of the Côteaux d'Aix. The vinification of wines in barrels and the transition to organic farming are the hallmarks of Beaupré. Bravo Fanette!

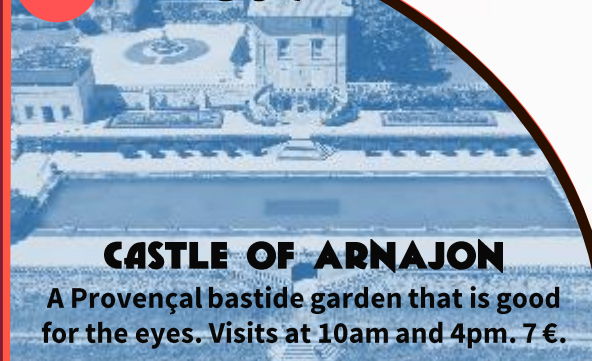
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CASTLE OF BEAUPRE



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15 DETOUR



CASTLE OF ARNAJON

A Provençal bastide garden that is good for the eyes. Visits at 10am and 4pm. 7 €.

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• THE LITTLE PLUS :

A welcoming place thanks to Christine with a bunch of possible immersion activities.

• OUR OPINION :

Lost in nature, this estate will also delight you by tasting its excellent rosés.

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CHOCOLATE FACTORY OF PUYRICARD

Historical shop.
Workshop list 10 €.

DETOUR

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CASTLE VIRANT



• THE LITTLE PLUS :

The Cheylan family is the soul of this estate. I love this place for its simplicity and authenticity.

• OUR OPINION :

The wines and olive oils, good and accessible, are very appreciated by the locals. This is well deserved.

DETOUR

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THE VILLAGE OF CORNILLON-CONFOUX

The balcony of Etang-de-Berre

• THE LITTLE PLUS :

The majesty and history of the site (Constantine oppidum, quarries, Red Rock)

• OUR OPINION :

The shop is worth a visit.
I like the proposal of the Red Rock in Mourvèdre

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ON THE ROAD

SOAPERIES MARIUS FABRE

120 years of history for the FABRE family!
One of the 4 soap factories producing the TRUE traditional Marseille soap.

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CASTLE CALISSANNE



DID YOU KNOW?

Where does the name Virant come from?

OF THE GOD VIRANT HONORED BY OUR ANCESTORS IN THE STONE AGE. THE PLACE OF WORSHIP IS AT THE ROCK TURNING (30' WALK, SIGNPOSTED ROUTE).



PRACTICAL - SOUTHERN WINE ROUTE

Vineyard



Domaine du Grand Fontanille	04 90 49 05 15	Monday to Friday: 10 am to 6 pm.	Free tasting.
Château d'Estoublon	04 90 54 87 33	Monday to Sunday: 10am to 1pm / 2pm to 5:30pm.	Free tasting and sale. Stroll in the park. Restaurant.
Mas de la Dame	04 90 54 32 24	Every day from 9am to 6pm.	Free tasting.
Château Romanin	04 90 92 69 57	Monday to Saturday: 10am to 1pm / 3pm to 6pm.	Free tasting and sale. Guided tour 19 €.
Domaine des Terres Blanches	04 90 95 91 66	Monday to Saturday: 10am to 1pm / 2pm to 6:30pm.	Free wine tasting and sale in the vineyards.
Château Bas	04 90 59 13 16	Monday to Friday: 9am to 12:30pm / 1:30pm to 5pm.	Free tasting. Walk with quiz for children.
Château de Calavon	04 42 57 15 37	Monday to Saturday: 9am to 1pm / 2pm to 6pm.	Free tasting. Cellar visit 5 €. Guided tour 10 €.
Château de Beaupré	04 42 57 33 59	Every day: 10am - 7pm.	Free tasting and sale. Stroll through the 18th century property.
Château du Seuil	04 42 92 15 99	Monday to Friday: 9am to 12:30pm / 2pm to 7pm. Saturday 10am to 1pm / 2pm to 7pm. Sunday and holidays: 10am to 1pm / 2pm to 7pm.	Free tasting. Cellar visit 20 €. 4x4 tour 39 €.
Château La Coste	04 42 61 89 98	Open every day from 9am to 7:30pm.	Free tasting. Vine and art tour 15 €. Restaurants.
Château Paradis	04 42 54 09 43	Monday to Friday: 9am to 12:30pm / 2pm to 6pm. Saturday: 10am to 1pm / 3pm to 7pm.	Free tasting and trail. Guided tours. Wine workshops.
Château Virant	04 90 42 44 47	Open every day: 8am to 6pm. (Saturday and Sunday: interruption from 12:30 to 14:00).	Free tasting/ tour (with map). Guided tour 15 €. Sports trail to the castle rock (30 min).
Château Calissanne	04 90 42 50 23	Monday to Saturday: 8:30 am to 6 pm. Sunday: 9am to 1pm.	Free tasting.