The Gaillac Vineyard: A Millennia-Long Journey into the Heart of Southwest France

Welcome to the heart of the French Southwest, where history and nature converge to offer one of the world’s oldest and most prestigious winegrowing terroirs.

Two Thousand Years of History, Etched in the Vine

On the edge of southwest France, between Toulouse and Albi, stretches an ancestral vineyard, vibrant with history and memory: the terroir of Gaillac. Vines have been growing here for over two millennia. Since the Gallo-Roman era, these sun-drenched lands saw the first vines take root. Every stone, every grape cluster, every breath of wind whispers a story.

In this region where the art of living is cultivated as much as that of wine, Gaillac wine is much more than a beverage: it is a living heritage.

The Benedictines: The Artisans of Sparkling Wine

Long before the year 1000, Benedictine monks settled along the Tarn River. With patience and skill, they shaped the first great pages of the winemaking history of the Southwest. Their cloisters housed fermentation secrets, and their hands blessed each harvest.

It is to them that we owe the ancestral method, the world's first sparkling wine technique, a forgotten precursor to champagne, born here in Gaillac. A wine with fine bubbles and a raw charm, reflecting sacred know-how passed down through the centuries.

**An Exceptional Terroir, Between Sky and Earth**

Here, nature is both generous and full of contrasts. The Gaillac climate lies at the crossroads of Atlantic and Mediterranean influences, offering sun-drenched summers and nights cooled by the Tarn’s morning mists. The clay-limestone soils, rich in minerals, impart depth and character to the grapes.

This vibrant, living terroir yields a rare expression of indigenous grape varieties:

* Mauzac : fresh, reminiscent of green apple and white flowers.
* Loin de l’Œil : a rare white grape found almost exclusively in Gaillac, known for producing fresh, fruity wines.
* Duras : powerful, spicy, and fruity.
* Braucol : intense and wild, with aromas of black fruits and spices.
* Prunelard : robust, with notes of black fruit, prunes, and violets.

These are varieties found nowhere else, and they are what give Gaillac wines their truly unique identity.

Château Lastours: Centuries of Memory in Every Bottle

Among the jewels of this terroir, Château Lastours embodies the perfect alliance between tradition and innovation. Guided by passion and respect for nature, our estate cultivates these rare grape varieties using sustainable viticulture.

Each bottle is an invitation to an authentic sensory journey, celebrating the richness of Southwest France and the finesse of Gaillac wines.

Taste the Southwest, Wherever You Are

Gaillac wines, whether powerful, refined, or sparkling, are an ode to the Southwest. In each glass, you'll discover the warmth of summer, the freshness of misty mornings, and the imprint of the soil on our three terroirs (the Right Bank, the Left Bank, and the Cordais Plateau).

Château Lastours offers delivery, so the taste of Gaillac can travel to you.

A Rare Terroir, an Invitation to Wonder

Whether you're coming from New York, Tokyo, or Paris, the Gaillac vineyards are an unforgettable discovery. Its wines speak a universal language: that of passion, a job well done, and a land loved and respected.

Visit us, taste, explore. Let yourself be captivated by this ancient terroir... and take home a fragment of this eternal Southwest.

Experience Château Lastours

We welcome you all year round for guided tours of the estate, private tastings, and wine workshops. Immerse yourself in the vibrant heart of Gaillac.