

# Grape and AOC

- What are the grape varieties ?
- What is an AOC (controlled designation of origin) (history, the most famous...) ?

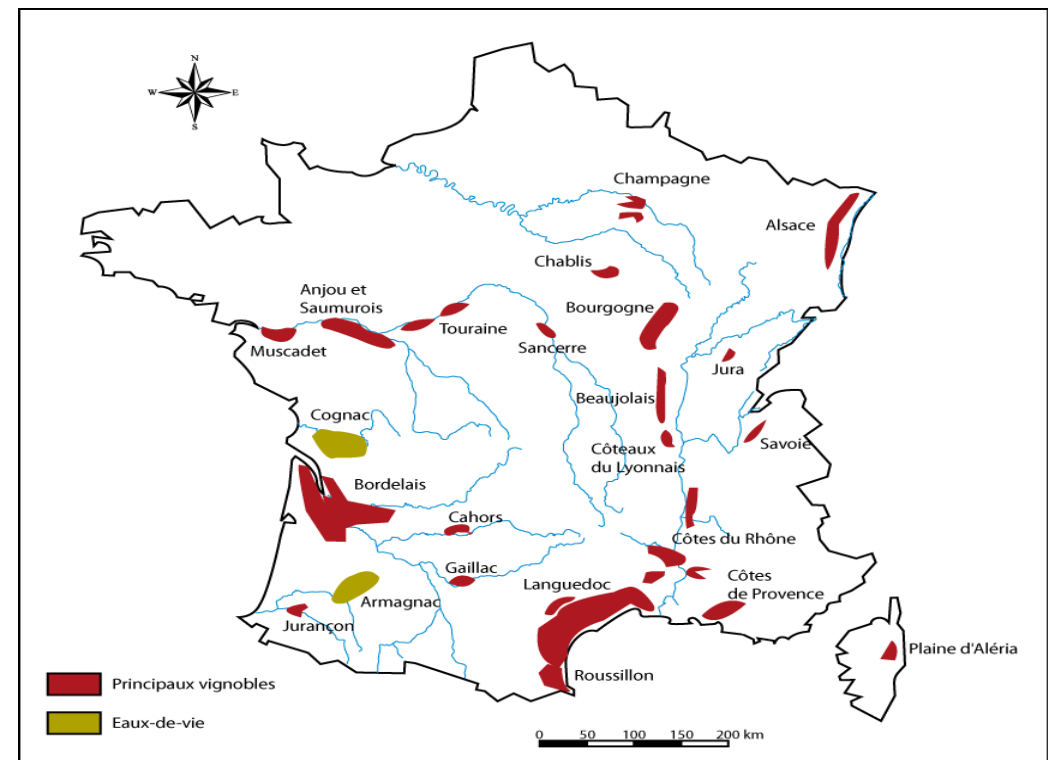


liquor



Main vineyard

# Grape varieties



## Red wine

- 1/ The Côt or Auxerrois or Malbec : from the south-west. This type of wine is sold even in Uruguay !
- 2/ The Duras : from the East of the Midi-Pyrénées region
- 3/ Iron Servadou or Braucolor Mansois : from the Spanish Basque Country
- 4/ The Négrette : from the South-West
- 5/ The Tannat : from Béarn in the Northwest

## White wine

- 1/ The Clombard : from the Charentes
- 2/ The Gros Manseng : from the basque country
- 3/ Petit Manseng: from the Pyrénées Atlantiques
- 4/ Far from the Eye or El Len : from the Tarn valley

# AOC



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## Grape varieties

The grape variety is a « variety » of vine plant or wine to create wine. We know each wine is different by its foliage or by the aspect of its grapes ; in the wine world, we call this the grape varieties. The many grape varieties that we cultivate are often famous with different names. The identification of grape varieties is based on the observation of morphological characteristics like the colour of the buds or of the berries, the shape of the leaves or branches, the dimension of grapes. This study is called « ampelography », it is a discipline that includes botany and oenology.

There are many grape varieties like the Abouriou which is a French red grape. This one is located in Lot-et-Garonne or the Alaetico, but the most planted in the world is the Cabernet Sauvignon. Then, there are also the Merlot, the white Airen, the black Tempranillo, or the Chardonnay, they are the top five grape varieties in the world.

In the South-west, we produce wine with a controlled designation of origin and Armagnac (liquor) and Floc de Gascogne (wine liquor). The vineyard from the South-west is the fourth wine region in France. Toulouse is the capital. It covers a part of Occitania and the new Aquitaine.

The controlled designation of origin is a label which can identify a product whose manufacturing steps were created in the same geographical area. They guarantee the quality of the product. With that we can easily find that have the label and those that don't. For example, cheese is branded with red food ink or with a label. Recognition of a controlled designation of origin is proposed by the National Institute of Origin and Quality (INAO) and is made valid by a decree that approves the specifications of the appellation.