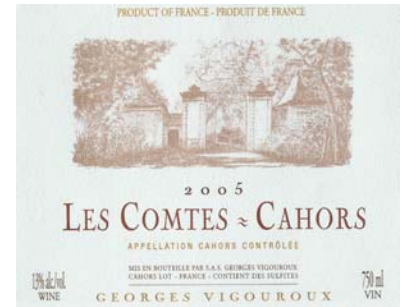


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LES COMTES DE CAHORS



This is the birthplace of the Malbec grape!
The Cahors vineyards date back to the Romans, making them among the oldest in France

CAHORS Wines from the Cahors appellation must be made from at least 70% Malbec (also called Cot), with a maximum of 30% Merlot or Tannat.

THE DOMAIN Of old stock from the Lot region of France, the Vigouroux family has been in the wine business for a century and a half owes its renown to know-how handed down from generation to generation. It was Georges Vigouroux, the third generation, who first planted vines on the hillsides of Cahors in 1971. He chose the spot where there had been a vineyard in the Middle Ages, becoming one of the new generation of pioneers of Cahors

Now under the direction of his son, Bertrand-Gabriel Vigouroux, an oenologist, the production has expanded. Now the Vigouroux family own many of Cahors best estates, which they vinify in their beautiful stone-walled cellar called Atrium.



The town of Cahors and the Lot river in Southwest France

the two Cabernets (Franc and Sauvignon). Its origins are cloudy, as in France it has over 400 synonyms. One of these is Auxerrois Noir or sometimes simply Auxerrois, a hint that it may be from the region around the town of the same name in Burgundy. Malbec is usually low in acidity, high in tannins, and has an inky-black color. Aromas and flavors of red plums, black currants and dried cherries are common.

MERLOT is the most planted variety in Bordeaux, and it has also become an extremely fashionable red in many regions including California. Although it has a reputation to be smooth, and easy to drink when young, Merlot is also capable of producing extremely intense wines as well. Its softness and "fleshiness", combined with its earlier ripening, makes Merlot an ideal grape to blend with the sterner, later-ripening Cabernet Sauvignon.

TANNAT is a rustic variety most famous for its inclusion in the wines of Madiran, a region just south-east of Bordeaux, neighboring Armagnac. The wines produced from Tannat are heavy with red fruits and extremely tannic, and often need a either several months of oak aging or another grape blended in to tame their fiery astringency. Imported to Uruguay with Basque settlers, Tannat has become the most important red varietal there.

SOIL Slopes with limestone clay soil

WINE-MAKING Yield: 50-60hl/ha / Thermoregulation to preserve the fruit-forward aromas. 20-day fermentation. Partly aged in oak

GRAPES 70% Malbec, 20% Merlot, 10% Tannat

MALBEC One of the five grapes allowed in the Bordeaux blends, Malbec was once a significant Bordeaux grape, but in that region it has taken a back seat to Merlot and



The Lot river in Cahors

TASTING NOTES

Nuances of deep plum damp earth, black currant, smoke and licorice notes on both the nose and palate.



FOOD PAIRING Hard cheese, beef, lamb, stews, broiled, roasted or grilled meats, cassoulet.

