

All wines are from the South of France and were purchased from The Wine Society website.

**1. Rosé Duo des Plages, Pays d'Oc 2021 (£6.95)**

**Character:** Dry, a very pale rosé, an easy charmer to be enjoyed on its own or with salad.

**Alcohol 12%**

**Grape:** Cinsault (dominant) with Grenache, both stalwarts of the Languedoc.

**Producer:** LGI (Alain Mignon)

Sourced mainly by cooperatives along the area from Beziers to Carcassonne, plus a little from Limoux and sometimes Gascony.

**2. Côtes de Provence Rosé L'Echappée Belle, Mas de Cadenet 2021 (£11.50)**

**Character:** Bone Dry, a pale and delicate Provençal rosé with a touch of finesse, clean lines and length of flavour. Quite full-bodied so perfect with food. **Alcohol 13.5%**

**Grape:** Cinsault – flagship of Rosé and Provence

**Producer:** Mas de Cadenet The Negrel family estate, near Sainte Victoire mountain (paintings of Cezanne) and certified organic.

**3. Les Pierres Bordes, Marsanne-Viognier, Pays d'Oc 2021 (£6.75)**

**Character:** Dry, fresh, round, full-flavoured and moreishly fruity Languedoc white.

**Alcohol 12.5%**

**Grape:** Marsanne-Viognier

Rhône grape varieties from the Minervois-Saint-Chinian border.

**Producer:** LGI (as above)

Their core business remains at entry-level prices. For The Society, this means delicious wines like this Marsanne-Viognier blend.

**4. Côtes Catalanes Les Calcinaires Blanc, Domaine Gauby 2019 £16.50 (reduced from £18.50)**

**Character:** Bone Dry, Roussillon white, fine with hints of citrus, honeysuckle and wet stone. **Alcohol 12.5%**

**Grape:** Maccabeu (same as Viura from Rioja) plus elements like carignan blanc and chardonnay.

**Producer:** Domaine Gauby Located in the Catalan borderland of the Roussillon.

**5. Syrah-Mourvèdre, Côtes de Thongue, Domaine La Condamine L'Evêque 2021 (£7.50)**

**Character:** A succulent and fruity blend from the Languedoc, light to medium bodied Fragrant, deeply coloured with a touch of spice; **Alcohol 13%**

**Grape:** A majority of Syrah with Mourvèdre to add weight and additional complexity

**Producer:** **Domaine La Condamine L'Eveque** The Bascou family. In 1988 The Wine Society first worked with Marie-Claude Bascou while her husband was on the road consulting and teaching oenology; estate now run by their son Guilhem.

**6. Minervois, Plaisir d'Eulalie, Château Sainte Eulalie 2020 (£8.50)**

**Character:** Full-bodied. Generous, ripe and full-flavoured Languedoc red, round and plummy in this hot vintage, with the accent on fruit and balance.

**Alcohol 14.5%**

**Grape:** Carignan Grenache

**Producer:** **Château Sainte-Eulalie** in the heart of the Minervois; described as 'an idyllic, laid-back sun-trap' with south facing slopes, right altitude and protected from winds; produces 36% syrah, 28% grenache noir, 27% carignan and 9% cinsault.

Machine harvesting is used for most of the picking, but grapes are sorted by hand at the winery so only the best fruit is used.