



OUTSTANDING FRENCH SAUVIGNON BLANC AND PINOT NOIR VALUES

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Grape shortages and subsequent steep price increases during the severe Loire and Bordeaux frosts in 1991 prompted the Lurtons to look to the Languedoc for reasonably priced, high-quality grapes with which to fulfill ongoing wine contracts. Since then, François Lurton has anticipated and sought superior quality Languedoc wines, evidenced by his extraordinary commitment to the region – his team currently works with some 700 hectares of vineyards.

Lurton is convinced the Languedoc's future lies in a broad variety of fine wines: "The strength of the region is its capacity to produce wines covering the whole range. I know very few wine regions around the world capable of doing the same. I think that its future – and we are already seeing signs of this with the new wave of Languedoc wines – will be guided by its potential to offer top quality wines."

LES FUMÉES BLANCHES *Gers*

Les Fumées Blanches Sauvignon Blanc is grown in the cooler Gers region of the Languedoc where grapes ripen so slowly the Sauvignon harvest takes place three weeks after the rest of the Languedoc.

Pale yellow with gray-green glints; the nose shows boxwood, tropical fruit and citrus; fresh and light on the palate; as splendid an aperitif as it is served alongside seafood, mussels, sole meunière, and white meats.

DOMAINE DES SALICES PINOT NOIR *Pays d'Oc*



Used to produce the most world's most sought-after wines in Burgundy's famed Cote d'Or, Pinot Noir is revered for its capacity for subtlety of expression and for its ability to capture terroir in profound ways. The grape's greatness is revealed by the noblest soils when grapes are grown at low yields and vinified, aged and bottled with care.

Domaine des Salices night-harvests, cold macerates, and ferments in stainless; 1-2 months on lees contributes to weight and complexity.

Intense and bright cherry-red in color, Domaine des Salices offers a fine and elegant nose of cherry and red fruits with hints of flowers and spice; well-balanced on the palate with supple tannins, persistence of flavor, and a red fruit finish. A wonderful accompaniment to game, grilled meats, cassoulet and aged cheeses.

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