



## Rhône Learning Objectives

Understand how key historical, political, geographical, geological, topographical, and climatic factors have influenced the viti/vini practices of the Rhône Valley and its wine styles

### **By the end of this unit the student will be able to...**

Locate the Rhône Valley on a map of France and delineate the borders of the Rhône Valley, Northern Rhône, Southern Rhône, and Les Côtes du Rhône sub-regions

Locate Rhône Valley appellations on a map of France

Explain how Rhône production has shifted in response to consumer demand

Identify the historic importance of the Roman Catholic Church in the development the Rhône wine industry

Detail the major topographical features of the entire Rhône Valley and its sub-divisions

Recall the general climate of the Rhône, and how and why this climate differs from north to south

Identify the impact of the Mistral [with regard to general viticultural conditions, what grape varieties are planted where and with which training systems]

List the major soil types of the Northern and Southern Rhône Valleys

Recall the major grape varieties of the Rhône and where they are planted

Detail how viticultural practices have changed as a result of global warming/climate change

Understand which AOCs can be produced (or declassified) under the regional Côtes du Rhône AOC and which cannot

Explain the intricacies of the Côtes du Rhône, Côtes du Rhône Villages and Côtes du Rhône Villages + Named Village AOC hierarchy

Identify the Northern and Southern Rhône cru appellations, the specificities of their climate, topography and soils, the wine styles they produce and the primary grapes within each

Identify the non-cru appellations, both north and south, the specificities of their climate, topography and soils, the wine styles they produce and the primary grapes within each

Recite the production methods used for Vin Doux Naturel production and their oxidative/reductive label nomenclature