



South-West France Learning Objectives

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

By the end of this lesson, the student should be able to...

Locate the South-West wine region and its sub-regions on a map of France

Identify the two French administrative regions in which South-West lies and recall this area's cultural identity

Detail the leading roles of the co-operatives in the South-West wine industry

Identify the general climate of South-West and the climatic influences impacting each of the major sub-regions

Identify the major river systems of South-West and the appellations they impact

Identify the major soil types of South-West France and where they are found

Explain how South-West became a crucible of grapevine crosses; name the important crosses and their parents

Understand the evolution of South-West viticulture over the past 70 years, and the historic barriers to international trade

Recognize Patrick Ducournau's contribution to winemaking

Explain micro-oxygenation and its benefits

Recall the primary grapes of South-West France and where they are grown

Detail the need-to-know AOCs of South-West France, the specificities of their climate, topography and soils, the wine styles they produce, and the primary grapes within each