

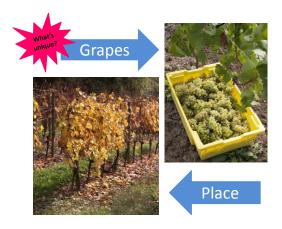
Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh AOC Presented by Jane A. Nickles, CWE, CSE

Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh

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Grapes Principal Grapes: min. 60% **Petit Manseng Gros Manseng** Courbu/Petit Courbu Grapes **Accessory Grapes** Beautiful grape photos from "Le Vins Sud Ouest France" website Arrufiac Sauvignon Blanc (max 10%) **Southwest France** Place









Picpoul de Pinet	
	Presented by Valerie Caruso, FWS, CWE

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Picpoul de Pinet Peek - pool duh Pee - nay



Map courtesy of http://www.picpoul-de-pinet.com

Picpoul de Pinet - The Place

- Climate: Mediterranean, dry summers, Maritime influence, humid air and moderation from the Thau lagoon
- Soils: Limestone and sand, deep, well-drained soils
- Viti: 1400 hectares grown in six communes in the coastal plane; machine harvested



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Viti Factoid Timeout

What the heck is a hectare?

1 hectare = 2.47 acres 1 acre = .40 hectare

> Therefore: 1400 hectares of Piquepoul vines in the Picpoul de Pinet growing region equates to 3459.5 acres of "lip stinger" grapes!



Source: http://www.metric-conversions.org

Picpoul de Pinet - History

- Viticulture traced to Roman times & Via Domitia around 125 B.C.
- Written evidence in the 14th century (black version *Picapoll nigri*)
- Piccapoule, Piquepole, Piquepoulle, Piquepouhl, mostly referring to noir version in writings of 16th & 17th centuries around Southern France
- Blanc version's earliest mention wasn't until 1667 as *Piquant Paul* where it was described as *Bec d'Oyseau*
- Became a VDQS in 1954



Picpoul de Pinet – Grapes & Wines

- AOC created in 2013
- One of the few French wines named by variety
- 100% still, white wines
- 100% Piquepoul Blanc
 - Other appellations must use "Piquepoul" vs "Picpoul" in their labeling, if mentioned
- Maximum RS is 3 grams/liter
- · Characteristically high acidity ("lip stinger")

Picpoul de Pinet - In the Glass

- Brilliant, pale yellow or greenish yellow
- Not overly aromatic, floral (acacia, hawthorn), citrus (lemon, lime, grapefruit)
- Moderate to full-body
- High acidity



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Picpoul de Pinet – Food

- Shellfish
- Oysters (farmed in the Thau)
- Charcuterie
- Croquettes de Brandade (salt cod, potato and olive oil)
- Anchovies
- Olives
- Cheese



Photo source: http://www.ladepeche.fr/



Eau-de-vie-de-Marc	
	Presented by Sam Schmitt, CS, CWE

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Eau-de-vie de Marc: Oh-day-vee – day - mark

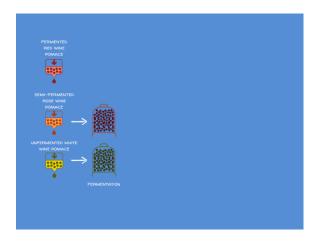
- Made virtually everywhere in France
 Usually served chilled as a digestif or with a fruit-based dessert
- Usually not aged in barrels, however it is not uncommon
 Served in small tulip-shaped glasses or a brandy snifter
 Distinguished from "Fines" which are distilled from local wine

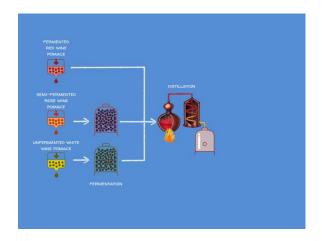


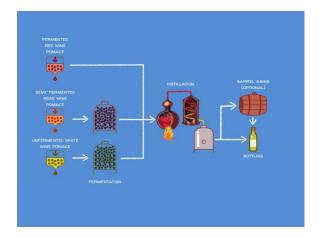
"Most traditional regions make marc from the pomace, grape skins, and pips left after pressing. because peasant wine-growers hate to see anything they have grown go to waste."





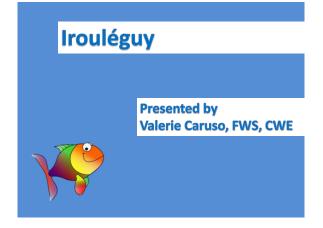












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Irouléguy – The Place

- Climate: Maritime with alpine influence
- Soils: Limestone, red clay, red sandstone schist, gravel
- Viti: Terraced vineyards, steep slopes, hand harvested



Irouléguy - History

- Written accounts & tools exist of Basque culture pre-dating Roman arrival in 218 B.C. to 200,000 years
- 11th century monks in Roncesvalles promoted Basque vineyard growth, mainly for pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago
- Treaty of the Pyrenees (1659) brought three provinces north of Pyrenees to the French
- VDQS status in 1953
- AOC status in 1970



Irouléguy - Grapes White - Tannat/Bordelesa Beltza - Petit Manseng/Izkiriota Cabernet Ttipia Sauvignon/Axeria Handia - Gros Manseng/Izkiriota - Cabernet Franc/Axeria – Courbu/*Xuri Zerratia*



Handia

• Red



Irouléguy - Wines • Red (60%)/Rosé (25%) **Wine Production** - Min. 50% Cabernet Sauvignon/Cabernet Franc White, - Tannat 15% - Mandatory destemming Rosé - Min. 10% abv White • White (15%) - Petit Manseng, Gros Manseng, Corbu - Min. 10.5% abv

Irouléguy – In the Glass White - Pronounced aromas of - Aromas of black fruits (currants, plums), red stone fruits (peach, fruits (cranberries), apricot), tropical or candied fruits (mango, herbal and earth pineapple), citrus, floral Moderate to high and sweet spice tannins (cinnamon) - Moderate acidity, - Moderate to high acidity - Medium to full-bodied - Moderate alcohol - Moderate alcohol

Irouléguy – Wine and Food

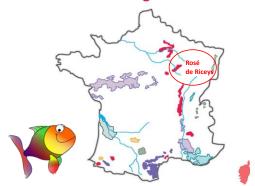
- Red: Beef ribs, veal, duck breast with mushrooms, pork tenderloin and prune/shallot sauce, herbed triple cream brie
- Rosé: Ibaiona/Le Jambon or Bayonne ham, tapas, cabbage soup
- White: Fish stew (Le Merlu Koskera)

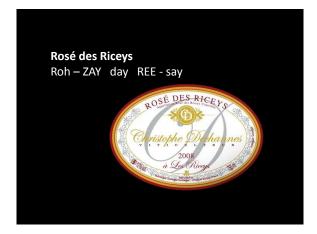




Rosé des Riceys AOC Presented by Jane A. Nickles, CWE, CSE

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A still, dry rosé
100% Pinot Noir

Produced in the Champagne Region–Aube Department

1 of the 3 AOCs in Champange

