



## THE CASTLE OF THE MÉDOC



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THE MYTHICAL ROUTE DES CHÂTEAUX STARTS IN BORDEAUX AND TAKES YOU THROUGH THE WINE-GROWING REGIONS OF THE MÉDOC. TAKE THE D2 AND KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR SUMPTUOUS, ELEGANT CHÂTEAUX. THIS REGION IS 80 KM LONG AND 10 KM WIDE. YOU'LL FIND SOME OF THE GREATEST CASTLE, INCLUDING CHÂTEAU MARGAUX, CHÂTEAU GRUAUD LAROSE AND CHÂTEAU LAFITE-ROTHSCHILD.

## THE WINE

THE MÉDOC APPELLATION COMES FROM GRAVEL AND CLAY-LIMESTONE SOILS. THE CLIMATE IS MODERATE THANKS TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND THE GIRONDE, WHICH BORDERS THE LAND, ENSURING THAT WINTERS ARE NOT TOO COLD AND SUMMERS NOT TOO HOT. THE VINES ARE PLANTED ON 'CROUPES' (SMALL HILLS MADE UP OF GRAVEL), SEPARATED BY STREAMS KNOWN AS 'JALLES', ENSURING GOOD DRAINAGE OF THE WINE-GROWING REGION.

THE MÉDOC IS RENOWNED FOR ITS RED WINE AND COMPRISES 8 APPELLATIONS:

- MARGAUX
- MOULIS-EN-MÉDOC
- LISTRAC-EN-MÉDOC
- SAINT-JULIEN
- PAUILLAC
- SAINT-ESTÈPHE
- AOC MÉDOC
- AOC HAUT-MÉDOC

IN THESE APPELLATIONS, CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND MERLOT ARE IN THE MAJORITY.

## THE GRAPE VARIETIES

CABERNET SAUVIGNON, DOMINANT IN THIS REGION, GIVES THE WINE POWER, STRUCTURE AND COMPLEXITY. IT IS RENOWNED FOR ITS PERSISTENCE ON THE PALATE AND PREFERS GRAVELLY SOILS.

MERLOT, ON THE OTHER HAND, THRIVES ON CLAY-LIMESTONE SOILS AND BRINGS ROUNDNESS AND VELVETINESS TO THE WINE.