

## CHÂTEAU DE MATTES-SABRAN Corbières 'Viala'

Located in the heart of Corbières, Mattes-Sabran crafts full-flavored, seductive wines from the garrigue-covered hillsides along France's Mediterranean coast. With a noble history stretching back some 1,000 years, Mattes-Sabran today epitomizes all we love about the traditions of France's winemaking south. The main house, once home to dukes, today welcomes international visitors while geese and lazy cats wander. A well-worn table welcomes outdoor meals with shared bottles in the shade. Importantly, Mattes' exemplary terroir—much of which recalls Châteauneuf-du-Pape—inspires top-notch wines that are excellent value.

**WINERY:** Château de Mattes-Sabran

**WINEMAKERS:** Jean-Luc Brouillat

**ESTABLISHED:** 1733

**REGION:** FRANCE • Languedoc-Roussillon • Portel des Corbières

**APPELLATION:** Corbières AOC

**BLEND:** 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 20% Mourvèdre

**VINEYARDS:** Estate vineyards are located up in the hills near the village of Portel des Corbières, on gravel-rich terraces with large quartz stones (seen most often in Châteauneuf-du-Pape), with limestone subsoils.

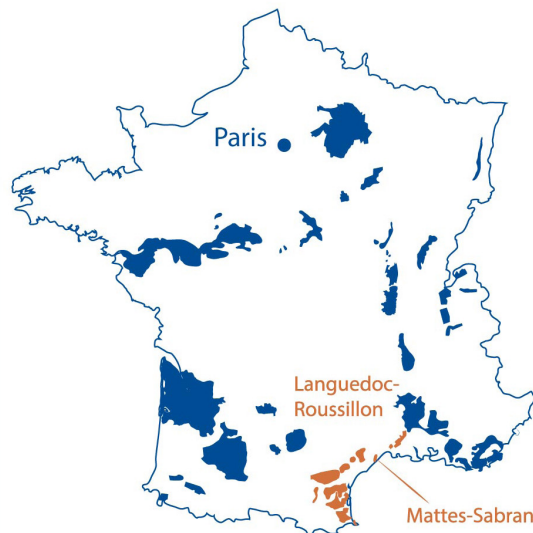
**AGE OF VINES:** 30 to 50 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Aged in tank.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of blackberry, licorice, Asian five-spice. Flavors of red and black plums; juicy and concentrated. Smooth tannins.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Grilled red meat or game; dishes with black olive or Mediterranean flavors

**NOTES:** In the langue d'Oc (local dialect), a *viala* is a community, or group of people living and working together.



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