

Les Costieres de Pomerols

France - Languedoc-Roussillon

Founded in 1932, this Cave Coopérative is located in the top commune of Pomérols, between the garrigue of Pezenas and the sea dominated by the Mont St Clair in Sete. The co-op merged with the Cave de Castelnau de Guers in 2003 and the Cave of Mèze in 2007, and it includes 350 members. The company employs 28 people and produces an average of 8 million bottles (666,666 9-liter cases).

The property features 3 main buildings – one for bottling/packaging, a second where white wines are vinified, and the third & newest building is where red & rosé wines are made. They have an underground cave for barrel aging with 300 oak barrels.

The members control 2,100 hectares (5,189 acres) of vineyard land, of which 450 hectares (1,112 acres) are Picpoul de Pinet. The Pomerols vineyards stretch over vast sun-light terraces with clay/calcareous soils. They produce Piquepoul, Chardonnay, Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc, Terret, Merlot, Cabernet, Syrah, Grenache, Cinsault and Carignan. Production is 54% white, 28% rosé and 18% red.

Six communes are entitled to the name Picpoul de Pinet: Florensac, Pomerols, Pinet, Castelnau de Guers, Montagnac, Meze.

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