



The Roman Pont du Gard

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# LOUIS BERNARD

As of 1976, Mr Bernard travelled throughout the Rhône Valley in search of exceptional winegrowers producing wines of great authenticity and true to their terroir. Since then, close partnerships have been established with more than 20 respected vineyard owners. 40 years later, the Louis Bernard spirit is still alive and has been given a new inspiration thanks to a young and dynamic team established in the village of Gigondas. Generous, convivial, accessible are the descriptions that come to mind when discovering these inspiring wines. **With Louis Bernard wines, enhance every moment!**

## CHÂTEAU LA COURBADE COSTIÈRES DE NÎMES

**Château la Courbade** is located in the South of France, in Saint Gilles, near the Camargue. It has belonged to the Guigon Boucoiran family for several generations.

The vineyard consists of villafranchian terraces on the ancient bed of the Durance river. The soils are composed of gravel deposited by the river in the Quaternary Period. These gravelly beds (known locally as Gress), which go down to a depth of between 5 and 15 metres, are enveloped in sand varying in colour from bright yellow to deep red. An exceptional micro-climate surrounding the vineyards provides ample sunshine and moderate rain, ideal conditions for consistent quality and maturation of the grapes.



### The spirit of Louis Bernard

**Sylvain Jean**, the Louis Bernard winemaker, with our winegrower partners is committed to sustainable agriculture and earth-friendly policies.

He is convinced that the quality of a wine depends above all on the selection of the fruit in respect of the environment. Together they guarantee that the 'Louis Bernard style' is very much focused on **Grenache**, the king of grape varieties in the **southern Rhône Valley**.

**COSTIÈRES DE NÎMES** can be described as the most southerly appellation of the Rhone Valley.

Five centuries ago, the Greeks were perfecting the art of growing vines in the region. The Romans then carried on expanding this art. The city of Nîmes is famous for its remarkable Roman ruins, particularly the fabulous arena.

From the 8th century, monks developed vast vineyards around the abbeys. Saint-Gilles Abbey, a religious centre, supplied wine to the Popes who'd established themselves in Avignon. The appellation Costières de Nîmes was granted in 1986. Today, the buzz created around its wines, especially with people from Nîmes, makes it one of the Rhône Valley's rising stars.





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*Reserve Speciale*

### Winemaking

The grapes were harvested in the early morning to take advantage of the freshness and to retain all the fruits' aromas. Crushed and de-stemmed. Vinification was made in cooperation with our winemaker, Sylvain. The wine matured in vats for 6-8 months before bottling. Vegan wine.

### Grape Varieties

Black Grenache and Syrah.

### Tasting notes

Deep, purple-red colour. The nose has a nice flattering intensity dominant red fruit (cherry) with a touch of fine spices and liquorice. It has a long finish of silky tannins coated with aromas of red berries.

### Service & food pairing

Between 16° and 18°C (63°- 65°F). Enjoy with grilled or stewed meat or mild cheese, with a nice prime rib, roast duck or beef Carpaccio.

