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SECRETS OF THE RHÔNE

Since white wines account for only 3% of the Rhône's production they're easily overlooked, but the best examples are worth searching out.

The **Côtes du Luberon** region is at a much higher elevation and therefore cooler and better able to preserve acidity in the grapes. These are fresh, fruit-driven wines often with a crisp edge that feel lighter in weight than most other Rhône whites. As a result, they pair well with shellfish and light fish dishes; they're also excellent apéritifs. The dependable La Vieille Ferme wines from the Perrin family (of Beaucastel fame) and **négociant Louis Bernard** are widely available, but don't overlook the fine wines from Marrenon and Château Val Joanis.

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