



NICOLAS & MIREN DE LORGERIL

# CHÂTEAU DE PENNAUTIER

AOP CABARDÈS - IGP PAYS D'OC - IGP CITÉ DE CARCASSONNE



## AN EXCEPTIONAL TERROIR

Situated in the tiny AOP Cabardès, the vines cling to the sun-drenched, rocky hillsides that form the southern foothills of the Montagne Noire, at between 700 and 1000 feet above sea level. From here a panoramic view embraces the Pyrenees to the south, the Massif Central to the north, and the famous medieval City of Carcassonne 5 km away.

The terroir is an harmonious blend of limestone and clay, Mediterranean heat, Atlantic influence, and cool mountain air. Some of the vineyards have had to be reclaimed from the wild, rock strewn garrigue.

## A RARE HISTORY

Built during the reign of Louis XIII by Bernard de Pennautier, Treasurer of the Languedoc Estates, the Château de Pennautier has been in **the possession of a single family since 1620**. It was extended in 1670 by Le Vau, the architect of the Château of Versailles. At the same time, the renowned landscape gardener Le Nôtre designed a huge park in the French style. The château is listed as an historic monument.

Since 1960 the vineyards have been entirely renewed, and vines planted at higher altitudes.

**The direct descendants of the Pennautiers, Nicolas and Miren de Lorgeril are the tenth generation of winemakers since the creation of the domain in 1620. They took over in 1987.**



## FEW FIGURES

- 182 hectares of vineyard, 102 ha in AOP and 80 ha in IGP
- 6 kilometres north-west of Carcassonne
- Altitude: 230 to 360 metres



## GRAPE VARIETIES\*

### Atlantic grape varieties:

- cabernet-franc: 8 ha
- cabernet-sauvignon: 18 ha
- malbec: 4 ha
- merlot: 49 ha

### Mediterranean grape varieties:

- chardonnay: 32 ha
- cinsault: 14 ha
- grenache: 17 ha
- syrah: 40 ha



# LES GRANDS VINS

## L'ESPRIT DE PENNAUTIER AOP CABARDÈS - ROUGE

**Grape varieties\***: merlot 40%, syrah 60%: this exceptional wine highlights the balance and quality potential specific to each vintage, revealing the best aspects of this year's growing season.  
**Packaging**: bordeaux sommelier bottle, in wooden cases of 6. Also available in magnums.  
**Description**: complex, powerful nose with black berry fruit, truffle, coriander, a hint of pepper. Full-bodied and powerful in the mouth, very refined tannins, good balance of oak. L'Esprit will be at its best in about ten years. When young (3 to 5 years) we recommend decanting it.  
**Ageing**: 18 months in new French oak barrels.  
**Keeping potential**: 5 to 10 years.  
**Serve with**: game stews, strong cheeses.



## LE RÊVE DE PENNAUTIER “VENDANGES D'APRÈS” VIN DE TABLE - BLANC MOELLEUX

**Grape variety\***: chardonnay 100 %. This wine is only made in years when the weather is favourable.  
**Packaging**: alsace-style 50 cl bottle, cases of 6 bottles packed horizontally.  
**Description**: brilliant gold colour, and a powerful and complex nose. Notes of candied fruit (mandarin, apricot, pineapple, lemon) and honey, then warm spicy aromas such as cinnamon and cardamom. In the mouth, a fresh wine with a fine balance between alcohol, sugar and oaky tannins.  
**Ageing**: 18 months in new French oak barrels.  
**Keeping potential**: 3 to 6 years.  
**Serve with**: all types of dessert, even chocolate.

# DOMAINE DE PENNAUTIER

## IGP CITÉ DE CARCASSONNE ROUGE

**Grape varieties\***: cabernet-sauvignon 25 %, merlot 30 %, grenache 25 %, syrah 20 %.  
**Packaging**: bordeaux bottles, in cases of 6 packed vertically.  
**Description**: ruby-red colour. The nose is dominated by red fruity aromas (raspberry, red currant) with notes of cassis and cherry and ending with hints of gooseberries. A delicate and charming wine, with smooth tannins on the palate.  
**Ageing**: In stainless steel tank.  
**Serve with**: grilled meats, charcuteries, cheeses.

## IGP CITÉ DE CARCASSONNE ROSÉ

**Grape varieties\***: cinsault 50 %, grenache 20 %, syrah 20 %, merlot 10 %.  
**Packaging**: bordeaux bottles, in cases of 6 packed vertically.  
**Description**: attractive light rose petal colour. Refined nose, with floral and berry fruit aromas. In the mouth, good attack, both full-bodied and lively: raspberry, redcurrant.



# LES TERROIRS D'ALTITUDE

## CHÂTEAU DE PENNAUTIER AOP CABARDÈS - ROUGE

**Grape varieties\***: cabernet-franc 10 %, cabernet-sauvignon 25 %, merlot 20 %, malbec 5 %, grenache 10 %, syrah 30 %.  
**Packaging**: traditional Bordeaux bottle, in cases of 6 packed horizontally. Also available in magnums and double magnums.  
**Description**: deep garnet-red colour. This wine is characterised by the power and harmony of the aromas: blackcurrant and blackberry mingled with spices, mint, and chocolate. Rich and full-bodied in the mouth, refined, dense tannins.  
**Ageing**: 14 months in French oak barrels (40% of which are new).  
**Keeping potential**: 5 to 7 years.  
**Serve with**: duck breast, roast meat, cheese.

## MARQUIS DE PENNAUTIER - CHARDONNAY - IGP PAYS D'OC - BLANC

**Grape variety**: chardonnay 100 %  
**Packaging**: traditional Burgundy bottle, in cases of 6 bottles packed horizontally.  
**Description**: golden wine with powerful aromas, notes of pineapple, vanilla, passion fruit, and dried apricot. Full-bodied, long finish.  
**Ageing**: 10 months in French oak barrels (50 % new), lees stirred regularly.  
**Keeping potential**: 3 to 5 years.  
**Serve with**: apéritifs, poultry with citrus fruit, cheese, fish, white meats in creamy sauces.

## CHÂTEAU DE PENNAUTIER AOP CABARDÈS - ROSÉ

**Grape varieties\***: 30% grenache, 20% syrah, 20% merlot, 20% cabernet-sauvignon, 10% cinsault  
**Packaging**: traditional Bordeaux bottle, in cases of 6 packed horizontally.  
**Description**: attractive, light rose colour. Elegant nose with hints of red summer fruit (raspberry, redcurrant) and a touch of liquorice.  
**Ageing**: mainly aged in tanks with a small proportion in barrel (5%).  
**Serve with**: Salmon tartare and St. Jacques with herbs.

# LES CÉPAGES ROUGES

## CABERNET - FRANC DE PENNAUTIER IGP PAYS D'OC

**Grape variety**: cabernet-franc 100%.  
**Packaging**: bordeaux bottle, in cases of 6 packed vertically.  
**Description**: a powerful nose dominated by dark fruits (cassis, mulberry); these are continued on the palate, where there are mineral overtones and spicy hints that derive from the surrounding "garrigue". Well structured, with a long, imposing finish.

## SYRAH DE PENNAUTIER IGP PAYS D'OC

**Grape variety**: syrah 100 %.  
**Packaging**: bordeaux bottle, in cases of 6 packed vertically.  
**Description**: typically exuberant syrah fruit (blackberry, raspberry) combines with the aromas of the garrigue – thyme, liquorice, boxwood. A rich, round mouthfeel with fine tannins, and a dry, mineral finish. The Crozes Hermitage of the South?

## PINOT NOIR DE PENNAUTIER IGP PAYS D'OC

**Grape variety\***: pinot noir 100 %.  
**Packaging**: bordeaux bottle, in cases of 6 packed vertically.  
**Description**: purple with violet highlights. Plums, damsons and ripe blackberries, overlaid with hints of green pepper and such spices as cloves and cinnamon. This is a structured, Bordelais style of Merlot.



# LES CUVÉES CLASSIQUES

## CHÂTEAU DE PENNAUTIER AOP CABARDÈS - ROUGE

**Grape varieties\***: cabernet 30 %, merlot 20 %, grenache 25 %, syrah 25 %.  
**Packaging**: bordeaux bottles, in cases of 6 packed vertically. Also available in magnums (cases of 6) and half-bottles (cases of 24).  
**Description**: intense colour, nose of ripe fruits. In the mouth, strong berry fruit flavours, with a structured, easy-drinking body.  
**Keeping potential**: 3 to 4 years.  
**Serve with**: red meat and chicken, quiches and cheeses.

## CHÂTEAU DE PENNAUTIER AOP CABARDÈS - ROSÉ

**Grape varieties\***: cabernet 10 %, merlot 30 %, grenache 40 %, syrah 20 %.  
**Packaging**: bordeaux bottles, in cases of 6 packed vertically. Also available in half-bottles (cases of 24).  
**Description**: bright rose-petal colour. Refined, powerful nose of berries (raspberry, a touch of blackcurrant) and liquorice. Good attack, both full and fruity, long finish.  
**Keeping potential**: 2 years.  
**Serve with**: savoury tarts and quiches, grilled meats.

# LES CÉPAGES BLANCS

## VIOGNIER DE PENNAUTIER IGP PAYS D'OC

**Grape variety**: viognier 100 %.  
**Packaging**: burgundy bottle, in cases of 6 packed vertically.  
**Description**: bright yellow colour, nose of mango and lychee. Full-bodied and lively, the wine fills the mouth with freshness; delicate finish of exotic fruit.

## SAUVIGNON BLANC DE PENNAUTIER IGP PAYS D'OC

**Grape variety**: sauvignon blanc 100 %.  
**Packaging**: bordeaux bottle, in cases of 6 packed vertically  
**Description**: characterful aromas of grapefruit, lemon peel and boxwood. Excellent equilibrium between vinosity and acidity, a lively wine that shows an array of citrus fruit flavours backed by a streak of minerality. A crisp, refreshing wine to be drunk chilled during its youth.

## CHARDONNAY DE PENNAUTIER IGP PAYS D'OC

**Grape variety**: chardonnay 100 %.  
**Packaging**: burgundy bottle, in cases of 6 packed vertically.  
**Description**: a powerful nose with aromas of melon, fresh fig and white flowers (jasmine, hawthorn), and a hint of fresh hazelnuts. Very fresh and well-balanced in the mouth, with a citrus and nutty character. A wine to appreciate in its youth as an aperitif or with light snacks and hors d'oeuvres.





# THE WELCOME

## AT CHÂTEAU DE PENNAUTIER



### A HISTORIC MONUMENT

At the Château de Pennautier you can experience the charm and elegance of life in a château in the south of France! The Château is a listed historic monument which was completely renovated in 2008, and now offers a wide range of services, such as the shop and restaurant housed in the former sheepfold, and the Domaine de Garille, a former smallholding situated 3km away in the heart of the vineyards.

### A PRESTIGE WELCOME

At Château de Pennautier, A historic building dating from the seventeenth century, Nicolas and Miren de Lorgeril are happy to welcome you for your special events in a uniquely private, family atmosphere: seminars, receptions, weddings, tailored holidays.

- 22 4-star bedrooms,
- large reception or conference rooms, with a maximum capacity of 400 people,
- a 30 hectare park,
- tailored historical visits.

**La table Cave du Château**, The Chateau's former sheepfold now houses a wine bar, a restaurant, a shop and the wine maturing cellars of the estate, which are open to visitors.

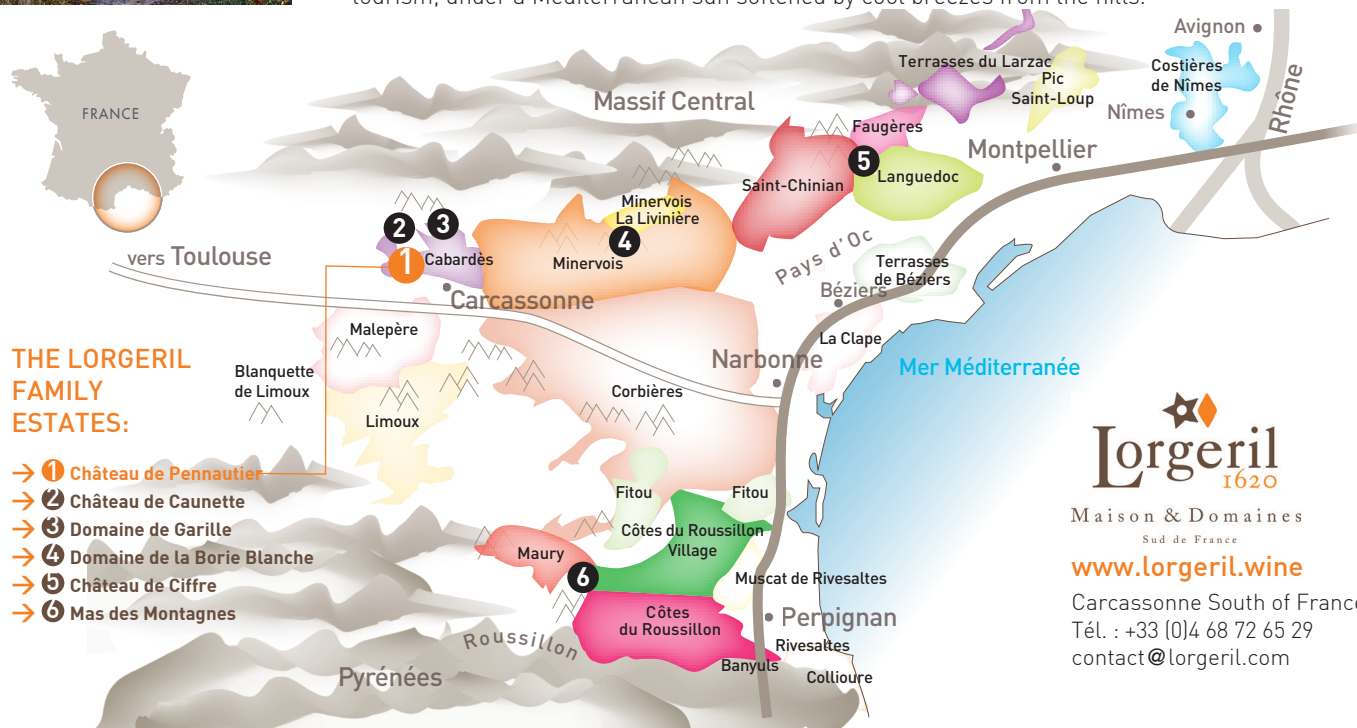
**A la Table Cave**, which is open all year round, you will find a cuisine firmly rooted in the terroir: simple, delicious and full of Mediterranean flavours, created by our chef Franck Debéthune.

**La Boutique**, you can taste wines from the six different Lorgeril family estates, taking you on a sensory tour through 9 appellations in Languedoc and Roussillon.

## EXPLORING THE REGION

- The City of Carcassonne, one of Europe's oldest fortified cities, and the Canal du Midi. Both are listed UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- The Cathar castles perched on mountain-tops: Lastours (15km away), Puylaurens (45km), Peyrepertuse (55km)
- magnificent Roman and Cistercian abbeys,
- Charming villages: Aragon (3 km), Montolieu (15 km, village du livre), Minerve (50 km).
- La Montagne Noire and its chestnut forests.

Go on foot, by bicycle or even on horseback! The region is ideal for environmentally-conscious tourism, under a Mediterranean sun softened by cool breezes from the hills.



### THE LORGERIL FAMILY ESTATES:

- ① Château de Pennautier
- ② Château de Caunette
- ③ Domaine de Garille
- ④ Domaine de la Borie Blanche
- ⑤ Château de Ciffre
- ⑥ Mas des Montagnes

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