



Château Capitoul: Where French Wine Comes Alive in the South of France

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Looking to get away? Well, for a break where you can avoid crowds and hiked flight prices whilst soaking up the sunshine and enjoying a nice glass of Picpoul with some local oysters, then Château Capitoul in beautiful Languedoc is perfect

VIVA visited in late spring and can recommend this gorgeous slice of paradise which has a cool, grown-up vibe with plenty to do and is still lovely and sunny, think (28 – 31 degrees).



Interior Shot of Villa at The Capitoul.

The pool remains open until the end of October, and an overnight stay at Capitoul starts at 254 Euros for a hotel room, based on two people sharing, bed and breakfast.

What's more, there are flights from Manchester to Montpellier, making it a two-hour jaunt away.

Dreamy landscape



Aerial View of Capitoul.

Set in the sun-drenched South of France, on a dreamy 120-hectare Languedoc estate framed by misty peaks and shimmering lagoons, lies a glorious collaboration of top-class vineyards and luxury accommodation.

It is one of a trio of magnificent Châteaux in the Domaine & Demeure collection; Capitoul is the epitome of French elegance, with a fairytale neo-gothic tower at its heart.

There are eight refined bedrooms, a gastronomic restaurant and pampering spa, while along the hillside lie 44 supremely stylish self-catering villas (over half of which boast their own pool), set among spectacular Mediterranean gardens.



Suite de Hotel.

The real scene-stealer, however, is the immaculately restored winery. Vineyards have been cultivated here since Roman times, and today the region is known for its superb vintages, with the Chateau's renowned wine partner Vignobles Bonfils running the hotel's stellar cellar.

An oenophile's dream, the Caveau has a dazzling collection of the Château's own bottles along with wines from their different estates. Even better, the team is on hand to lead guests through a handpicked range of fascinating wine activities.

Take a walk on the wine side



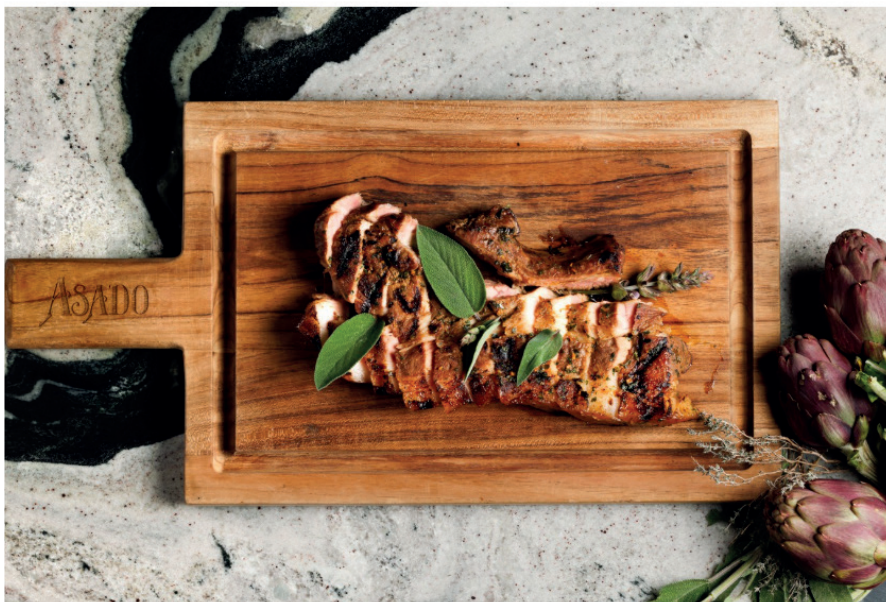
Chateau Capitoul Asado Bastien Volny-Anne.

Encircled by sweet-scented pine forests, silvery olive groves and rolling green vineyards, the landscape surrounding Château Capitoul is a delight.

Pick up a map from reception and follow one of the winding trails – well-marked and neatly signposted in French and English.

During the summer, weekly guided walks teach guests how to recognise different grape varieties, then put newfound knowledge to the test with tastings back at the cellar.

Pedal power



Chateau Capitoul Asado.

Prefer to cycle your way around the estate? Guided electric mountain bike tours will take you through spectacular terrain to the nearby island of Saint Martin, with its luminous salt pans.

Nearby, the charming fishing village of Gruissan is known for its plump oysters and pretty beach cottages – perfect for a gentle potter.

After a scenic pedal back to the chateau, you'll have earned your wine tastings. For a different two-wheeled adventure, all-terrain electric scooters are also on offer, with guided trips taking you

through the estate's vineyards and into the heart of the Narbonnaise Regional Natural Park before heading back to sample some fine wines.

Exploring the Languedoc



Vineyards at Capitoul.

You'd be forgiven for not wanting to leave the idyllic surrounds of the Chateau Capitoul, but the hotel makes the perfect base for exploring one of the world's most exciting wine regions.

Hundreds of wineries are within easy reach – La Clape is right on your doorstep, while further afield lie Roussillon, the Corbieres, the Minervois, Picpoul de Pinet and many more. Hire a car for the day and go vineyard-hopping, before retreating to the Chateau Capitoul's serene surrounds for dips in the infinity pool, meanders among the lavender-scented gardens and, naturally, a glass of delicious wine as the sun slips below the horizon.

WSET level 1 and 2 courses with Matthew Stubbs



Wine Harvest at Capitoul.

Book in for an unforgettable Wine & Spirit Education Trust (WSET) experience with Master of Wine Matthew Stubbs to learn, taste and discover the world of wine in one of the Languedoc's most spectacular estates.

Whether you're a wine enthusiast or looking to deepen your expertise, this provides an opportunity to gain an internationally recognised qualification while enjoying exceptional wines, expert tuition and the unique Capitoul experience.

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