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## A story of absolute love and passion

The story began 25 years ago with a man who is driven by a profound love for his region, a genuine passion for his job and an unflinching bond to the earth he grew on.



The region is Occitanie, the heart of langue d'Oc, in Southern France. You can also find this culture and language in Northern Spain, Northern Italy and Monaco, to some extent.

If you were to draw a straight line from Paris to the blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea, you would reach Languedoc, an area that belongs to Occitanie, and most of all the homeland of Domaine de l'Horte.

The man, André Alingrin, is a farmer craftsman whose job is to grow and make wine. Farmer since he has such a strong relationship with and respect for the soil he works on – although 'with', would be more appropriate –, as well as craftsman considering his dedication to growing fine wines and sharing them with wine lovers.



### ***The Earth he grew on, the Soil he grows Wine on...***

At the end of the XIXth century, the vineyard of Domaine de l'Horte covered more than 64 acres, the horse stables could host five horses (a significant number for that time and region), and the cellar was over 4,000 sq ft (giving a hint of the volumes handled).

As time goes by, Domaine de l'Horte is taken over, sold, shrunk down to 15 acres in 1942, enlarged again to 30 acres in 1991, when André Alingrin purchased the property, until covering 50 acres of vineyard as at today (as well as some 25 acres of fields, grown in wheat, alfalfa, etc. by a farmer colleague).

The soil of the vineyard consists mostly of chalky sandstone. The choice of vines, suitable to such dry environment, enables André Alingrin to produce balanced aromatic wines, from easy-to-drink to great wines.

