



ABBOTTS & DELAUNAY

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Badet Clément showcases the entire new Abbotts & Delaunay Collection for the first time at France Under One Roof

Launched in its entirety for the first time at France Under One Roof, **Abbotts & Delaunay** is the new top-end collection of iconic AOC wines from southern French specialists, Badet Clément. Created by passionate winemaker and dedicated Languedoc expert, **Laurent Delaunay**, Abbotts & Delaunay has been meticulously designed to become the benchmark for top end wines from the Languedoc-Roussillon and to rival the world's greatest crus.

Delaunay comments, "The culmination of this project marks the end of a very long and rigorous selection process of the most promising vineyards throughout the entire Languedoc-Roussillon which is a first in the region. This is a project that was very close to my heart as I have long been inspired by the wealth of the region's terroirs and convinced of its huge potential." He continues, "I believe that with the growing consumer desire in the UK for quality French food wines, the Abbotts & Delaunay Collection provides the perfect wines at the perfect time to meet this market's demands."

France Under One Roof will be the first time that the entire Abbotts & Delaunay Collection has been shown together in the UK, where it will be presented by winemaker Laurent Delaunay.

The Collection consists of **three premium quality Reserve AOC wines**, Minervois, Corbières and Côtes du Roussillon, and **four top quality AOC wines in the Clouds and Winds range**, Cumulo Nimbus Minervois, Alto Stratus Carignan, Boreas Faugères and Zephyr Limoux. (So named after the force of the natural world, which has such a dominant effect on this rugged and wild region.)

The Collection has been many years in the making, starting life in the mid-90s, when talented young winemaker, Delaunay, left his family wine roots in Burgundy to gain international experience and was struck by the huge potential of the Languedoc.

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ABBOTT'S DELAUNAY

After founding his own wine merchant business, Badet Clément - specialists in southern French varietal wines and producer of the enduringly successful Les Jamelles - in '95, Delaunay acquired the boutique Abbotts winery in the village of Marseillette near Carcassonne then run by talented Australian winemaker, Nerida Abbott who shared his quest to produce the finest wines from the Languedoc-Roussillon.

Delaunay then travelled extensively throughout the region in search of small plots of old vines growing at high altitudes in some of the region's finest appellations: Corbières, Minervois, Faugères, Limoux in order to create his dream collection, which was then named after both winemakers to perpetuate their shared wine making philosophy and vision.

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Wines to be shown at France Under One Roof:

- A&D Corbières Réserve 2010
- A&D Minervois Réserve 2010
- A&D Côtes du Roussillon Réserve 2010
- A&D Corbières Réserve 2007

- A&D Zéphyr Limoux 2010
- A&D Zéphyr Limoux 2007
- A&D Cumulo Nimbus Minervois 2010
- A&D Boréas Faugères 2010
- A&D Alto Stratus Carignan 2010
- A&D Alto Stratus Carignan 2007

Réserve AOCs

The "Réserve" cuvées are carefully selected from terroirs and wines originating in three of the Languedoc's great classic appellations: Minervois, Corbières and Côtes du Roussillon. The aim is to offer balanced, delectable, approachable, easy-drinking wines that boast big fruit as well as elegance and considerable complexity. These wines may be aged for three to five years, over which time they will develop pleasing notes of forest undergrowth and humus that will make them all the more attractive.

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Clouds & Winds range

Abbotts & Delaunay's Clouds and Wind range features wines made with grapes that are selected from old vines grown in vineyards at high altitudes in a purposely small number of appellations. The work of the growers along with the vinification style and ageing of the wines allow the finesse and subtlety of these truly great wines to shine through. These wines are full of potential and restrained energy. They are produced in very limited quantities.

Badet Clément

Created in 1995 by Catherine & Laurent Delaunay, two young Burgundian winemakers trained in the New World and passionate about winemaking, Badet Clément (whose names comes from an old Burgundy house bought in the 30's by their grandfather) specializes in branded wines from France for the international markets.

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