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## Severine Pinte

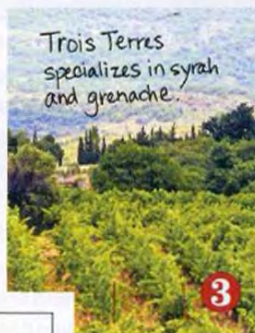
One the West's most prolific winemakers gets back to her roots.



The Vieux Pin is one of the smaller wineries in Oliver, and for head winemaker Severine Pinte, the winery's handcrafted production is a drop in a bucket compared to her last job overseeing production at a large collective in Southern France's Languedoc region. It was there she learned her magic with syrah and viognier, a skill she employs deftly at Le Vieux Pin. But she's still a regular to the south of France: here are a few of her favourite spots in Languedoc.

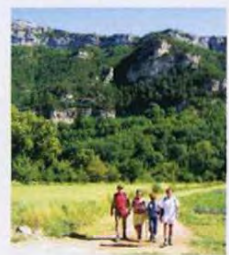


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Trois Terres specializes in syrah and grenache.

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1 The **Farmer's Market** is located in the foothills of the famous plateau du Larzac—the narrow and winding street will lead you to olive vendors selling fresh brined Lucques or Picholines, fresh butter served with a spatula, and piles of organic heirloom tomatoes.

2 The **Gorges de L'Hérault** flows through semi-mountainous country and wanders through the historic Cevennes. You can rent canoes down there and it's a gentle ride through a dramatic landscape.

3 **Trois Terres** in Herault is a very small winery, owned by Dr. Graeme Angus and his wife, Alice. He's an Englishman who went to Australia to learn about winemaking and settled in Languedoc to

fulfill his dream—it's great wine with a great story.

4 The **Cirque du Bout du Monde** hike is not only spectacular (it's located in a valley behind the beautiful Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert) but it's also part of the famous pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

5 On special occasions, my husband and I head to **Le Jardin des Sens** in Montpellier. The Michelin one-starred restaurant serves a "garden" of classic Languedoc and Mediterranean flavours.

6 **Garrigue strawberries** are a local point of pride and they're amazing. They're less uniform and tastier than the ones found in North American supermarkets.

Le Jardin des Sens is attached to a Relais & Chateaux hotel of the same name.



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Garrigue strawberries are much brighter red and more fragrant than "normal" strawberries.