

Drink wine. This is life eternal. This is all that youth will give you. It is the season for wine, roses and drunken friends. Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life.

*Omar Khayyam**

*(1045 - 1122), Persian scientist, mathematician, poet, free thinking sceptic whose calendar reform topped the Gregorian calendar in accuracy

The wine culture of the Orient

Lebanon is one of the world's oldest regions for growing grapes to make wine. Digging in the ancient city of Byblos revealed vines that are 5,000 years old. People must have grown grapes and made wine for a very long time. Historically, this area was called Canaan and was known as the „land of red purple“. The Phoenicians, named after Phoinix, the Greek word for purple, were the people who lived here. In this area, Jesus made water into wine. Phoenician traders from the southern Caucasus and Anatolia brought the first vines for wine production into the country. These were probably the *Vitis vinifera pontica*, which is thought to be an ancestor of the Chardonnay vine.

The Phoenicians were skilled at many languages and business, and they ran the most significant transfer stations of their time. These were located in their ports of Beirut, Byblos, Sidon and Tyros where the Incense Road and later the Silk Road intersected with the shipping routes of the Mediterranean. Wine was significant in Phoenician religious practice. In Genesis 14:18, the Phoenician king Melchizedek offered Abraham bread and wine. The Romans created a temple in Baalbek during the 2nd century AD to honour Bacchus - the wine god - which remains today. The splendid temple of Heliopolis has many stories of grape cultivation and wine drinking. In Genesis 14:18, the Phoenician king Melchizedek offered Abraham bread and wine. In Genesis 14:18, the Phoenician king Melchizedek offered Abraham bread and wine. Additionally, Hosea 14:8 states that „his glory shall be like the wine of Lebanon“.



Open wines

Oriental wines

Charme *Mon Liban* *White* 0,1 4,80 0,25 9,50 0,75 27,00

Viognier, Obeidi, Chardonnay & Muscat

Floral and **exotic** on the nose with aromas of apricots, ripe mangoes, pears and hints of jasmine. **Tropical** and **approachable** on the palate with flavours of white sweet stone fruits, litchies, peach, nectarines, passion fruits and a captivating honey note.

Atargatis *Chateau Barba* 0,1 5,50 0,25 11,00 0,75 31,00

Viognier, Sauvignon & Muscat petit grains

This **floral** and **crisp** wine has an intense and **fresh** aroma of white fruits. Velvety, drinkable and also refreshing on the palate with an impressive taste of **exotic** fruits, which is underpinned by a noticeable but **balanced** acidic cushion.

Les Cabires *Chateau Cana* *Rose* 0,1 4,80 0,25 9,50 0,75 27,00

Syrah & Cinsault

A young, **accessible** and **fresh** rosé. with a **fresh** scent of raspberries and wild strawberries. **Creamy, harmonious** and **fruity** on the palate with a taste of sweet honeydew melon. This is also followed by aromas of peach, strawberries, red currants and other red fruits.

Oriental wines

	<i>Red</i>			
Tradition <i>Mon Liban</i>	0,1 4,80	0,25 9,50	0,75 27,00	
Syrah, Cabernet, Grenache, Cinsaul &, Carignan				
<i>The harmonious red wine has a complex, intense and berry aroma of red fruits such as strawberries and raspberries. Fresh, round & velvety on the palate with fruity flavours of wild red fruits, wild berries, plums, red currants and sweet and candied cherries.</i>				
Rouge Passion <i>Coteaux du Liban</i>	0,1 5,80	0,25 11,50	0,75 32,00	
Grenache Noir, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carignan				
<i>Aged for 8 months in French barriques.</i>				
<i>A smooth red wine with a berry and impulsive bouquet of red berries, plums and a hint of vanilla. Complex and fruity on the palate with a round and fine taste of dark berries, cherries, strawberries, candied fruits and redcurrant jam.</i>				
Simil <i>Ledoucha</i>	0,1 6,00	0,25 12,00	0,75 34,00	
Mourvèdre, Sangiovese, Syrah				
<i>Fresh, intense and impulsive on the nose with a scent of red fruits, wild berries, dark berries, plums and oak. Complex, full-bodied and smooth on the palate with a balanced taste of dark berries, cherries, currants and caramel underlined by a harmonious wood note.</i>				

Regional wines

White

Gutedel *Markgräfler - Künz* 0,1 2,90 0,25 5,90 1,00 22,00

dry, popular with young and old, mild and very digestible; tangy & pithy, the classic among the Markgräfler wines

Riesling *Rheingau - Scheebee* 0,1 4,00 0,25 8,00 1,00 22,00

dry, fruity, juicy, and fresh, this wine has many enthusiasts. Pleasantly balanced and mineralic. Lemon with a hint of peach, ideal for vegetarian or poultry dishes.

Weißburgunder *Kiech. Batzenberg - Künz* 0,1 3,90 0,25 7,90 0,75 22,00

Kabinett dry, very full-bodied and yet elegant, fine fruity aromas

Red

Spätburgunder *Kiechhofenee Batzenberg - Künz* 0,1 3,50 0,25 6,90 1,00 26,00

Soft, velvety and strong in the finish



Bottled oriental
wines

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Charme *Mon Liban*

0,75 27,00

Viognier, Obeidi, Chardonnay, Muscat

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Atargatis *Chateau Baska*

0,75 31,00

Viognier, Sauvignon & Muscat petit grains

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Blanc Finesse *Coteaux du Liban*

0,75 28,00

Chardonnay & Viognier

Aged for 6 months in French barriques

A **light**, **lardy** and **refreshing** white wine with a light golden colour. **Explosive** on the nose with a scent of white ripened fruit, peach and nectarines. **Honest** and **velvety** on the palate with an intense flavour of peach, banana, exotic fruits like pineapple and a hint of vanilla.

Sauvignon Blanc *Coteaux du Liban*

0,75 29,00

Floral on the nose with a really fancy scent of apricots, gooseberry, white flowers such as jasmine and a hint of pomelo, lime and other citrus fruits. **Exotic**, slightly **sweet**, crisp and lively on the palate with a fruity and **fresh** taste of white stone fruits, peach and nectarine, which is rounded off by a harmonious acid cushion.

Chardonnay *Coteaux du Liban*

0,75 29,00

Aged for 6 months in French barriques

This excellent, **slender** and **round** Chardonnay has the right mix of **fullness**, **freshness** and **liveliness**. On the nose, a pleasant aroma of citrus fruits, peaches and nectarines develops. The palate is **exotic** with flavours of white fruits, pineapple, honey and vanilla. The harmonious acid cushion leaves the wine crisp at the end.

Rose

Les Cabires *Chateau Cana*

0,75 27,00

Syrah, Cinsault

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Red

Tradition *Mon Liban*

0,75 27,00

Syrah, Cabernet, Grenache, Cinsault, Carignan

Impulsive on the nose with a **complex** and **berry** aroma of red fruits such as strawberries and raspberries. **Fresh, round** and **velvety** on the palate with a **fruity** taste of wild red fruits, wild berries, plums, red currants and **sweet** and candied cherries. A dangerously accessible wine!

Rouge Passion *Coteaux du Liban*

0,75 32,00

Grenache Noir, Syrah, Cabernet, Carignan

Aged for 8 months in French barriques.

A **smooth** red wine with a **berry** and **impulsive** bouquet of red berries, plums and a hint of vanilla. **Complex** and **fruity** on the palate with a **round** and **fine** taste of dark berries, cherries, strawberries, candied fruits and redcurrant jam.

Talliya *Chateau Barka*

0,75 34,00

Syrah & Cabernet Sauvignon

Deep red with single orange reflections. **Impulsive** and **fruity** at the same time on the nose with a **harmonious** scent of dark berries, cherries, herbs and strawberries. **Fresh, full-bodied** and **elegant** on the palate with a **smooth** and **round** taste of ripe fruits, red berries, chocolate, plums as well as a hint of liquorice. A simple but successful red wine!

Red

Simil *Latouche*

0,75 34,00

Mourvèdre, Sangiovese, Syrah

Fresh, intense and impulsive on the nose with a scent of red fruits, wild berries, dark berries, plums and oak. **Complex, full-bodied and smooth** on the palate with a balanced taste of dark berries, cherries, currants and caramel underlined by a harmonious wood note.

Cabernet *Coteaux du Liban*

0,75 42,00

Aged for 12 months in French barriques

The first impression of this **fruity** Cabernet is **impulsive and aromatic**. **Intense** nuances of raspberries, blackcurrants combined with spices and cedar wood wrap themselves in the nose. Powerful, well-structured and **full-bodied** on the palate with a **marmalade-like** taste of redcurrants, wild berries and a hint of **fresh** herbs. In addition, all the flavours are underlined by a harmonious vanilla note.



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Our oriental winegrowers

Chateau Barka, Barka, Libanon

This winery was founded in 2009 by the five brothers of the Geagea family and named after the land the owners come from: Barka, a mountain village in northern Bekaa, 1450 m above sea level. The highly fertile terroir of international category 1 is one of the components for the exceptional quality of Chateau Barka.

Latourba, West-Bekaa, Libanon

The Latourba winery, founded in 2003, is located in the heart of the country in the southern part of the famous Bekaa plain. Here, about 30 km south of the road from Beirut to Damascus, there is a fantastic view over the mighty Qaraoun reservoir and the foothills of the Lebanon Mountains on one side and the Anti-Lebanon on the other. Latourba's philosophy is to vinify excellent wines with ancient knowledge, craftsmanship and largely natural production.

Coteaux du Liban, Zahle, Libanon

The Coteaux du Liban and Mon Liban winery was founded in 2002 by Nicolas Abou Khater in Zahlé in the Bekaa Valley. Shortly after Nicolas earned his oenology degree at the University of Burgundy, he cultivated his land. After his fatal car accident, his wife, Roula Ghantous Abou Khater, together with their son, Roland Abou Khater, took over her husband's life's work and now runs the winery with admirable determination and great success.

Chateau Cana, Bhamdoun, Libanon

The winery is located in Ras el Harf, in the heart of the Lebanon Mountains. Clos de Cana is first and foremost an economic and social project for development in the district (Caza) of Aley, where the winery is located. Its owner, Dr Fadi Gerges, a dentist by profession, decided in the late 1990s, after deliberations with friends, to produce wine because of the quality of the terroir in the area and the export potential.