

# CUVÉE MYTHIQUE

VIGNERONS DU VAL D'ORBIEU  
LANGUEDOC, FRANCE



La Cuvée Mythique's distinctive label pays homage to the Romans, who planted its' varieties in France, and who believed the owl, "la chouette", possessed mythical powers.

La Cuvée Mythique was created by the Val d'Orbieu in 1990 to assert the incredible potential of the terroirs of the Languedoc-Roussillon.

Made in small lots, La Cuvée Mythique represents the culmination of the Val d'Orbieu's work since 1967 in improving viticulture and winemaking in the Languedoc-Roussillon.



Les Vignerons du Val d'Orbieu was established in 1967 by a small group of dynamic winemakers whose vineyards border the picturesque Orbieu River in the heart of the Corbières.

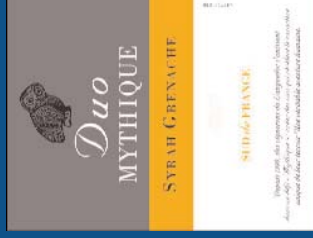
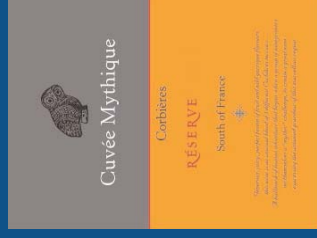
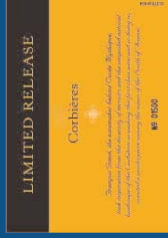
A quintessential Languedoc wine, La Cuvée Mythique is carefully blended from the highest quality grapes and each varietal is selected from low yielding vineyards and individually vinified Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache and Carignan.

Winemaking is done with minimal intervention and bottled without filtration. Over one hundred individual wines are tasted before the final assemblage is made, and then carefully aged in small oak casks for 8 to 10 months.



Cuvée Mythique Limited Edition  
Cuvée Mythique Reserve  
DUO Mythique Rouge  
DUO Mythique Rosé

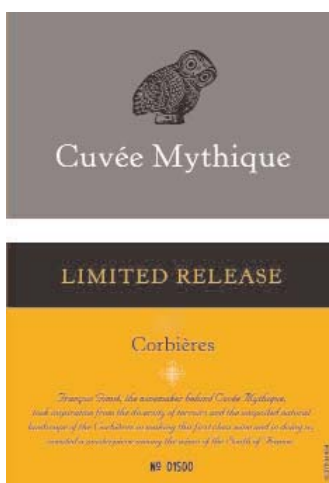
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VIGNERONS DE LA MÉDITERRANÉE

Corbières, France



## Limited Release 2005

### THE VINEYARD

Les Vignerons de la Méditerranée was born from the compelling urge of a group of winegrowers in the South of France to reveal through their wines the staggering diversity of the terroirs of which they are so justly proud. For nearly 40 years, we have been producing wines that express the riches of the Languedoc. These wines, heritage of a tradition going back a thousand years, represent a standing invitation for you to share in a culture rooted in its origins, with a wealth of solidarity and genuine conviviality. Today, Vignerons de la Méditerranée is a group of 84 independent estates and châteaux along with 15 cooperative wineries.

### HARVEST & AGEING

Selection begins with the vineyards. Every plot contributing to Cuvée Mythique Limited Release must meet the strict conditions laid down in a framework document entitled BUVICA, standing in French for Bons Usages de la Vigne à la Cave – good practice from vineyards to winery. In the vineyards work is carried out meticulously throughout the annual growing period. The wine itself comes from a jigsaw of terroirs, resulting in its unique character. One of those terroirs is the “red earth” zone suggested by the specific color of the label. The concentration of aromas in this wine results from the very low yields, some 40 hectolitres/hectare. Each plot is harvested by hand. This wine is made from a selection of grapes coming from two prime wine-growing locations in the Corbières region. The vintage is aged for one year in well-selected French oak barrels.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This blend creates a uniquely full-bodied, refined and silky textured wine. Rich, elegant wine with aromas of rosemary, eucalyptus, and thyme, characteristics of its terroir. Silky tannins and a good length.

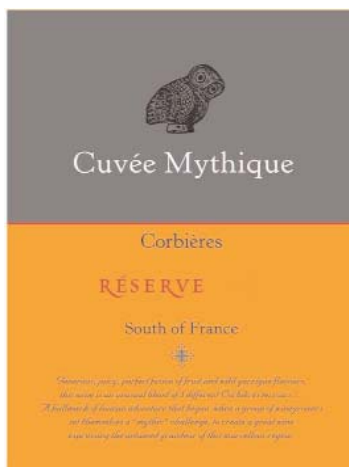
Grape Varietals: Syrah 55%, Mourvèdre 15%, Black Grenache 15% and Carignan 15%

Alcohol: 13.5%

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## Reserve 2005

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### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

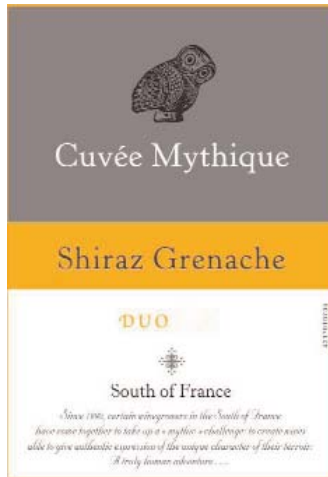
Beautiful strong purple color tinged with violet. The nose, associating aromas of black cherry and a touch of cacao, follows on when decanted with a suggestion of roast chestnuts. There is good length to the wine which is full and really luscious, with assertive but well-ripened tannins. Aromas of spice and plum mark an engaging finish.

Grape Varietals: Syrah, Mourvèdre, Black Grenache and Carignan

# DUO MYTHIQUE

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## Syrah Grenache 2006

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#### **3 terroirs, 2 varieties, 1 duo**

Terroirs: 1/3 coming from the Corbières: gives structure and dark fruits for the Syrah, density and red berries with the Grenache; 1/3 coming from the Mediterranean shore Light, fruity, fine tannins, and floral notes for both grapes; 1/3 coming from Minervois Density and tannins for the Syrah, big middle palate for the Grenache. The harvest is made when the maturity is at its highest level to get the perfect balance.

Complete destemming and cold temperature fermentation. The blend is made in February, the filtration and the bottling in spring. Each grape is vinified at the grower's estate and separately under the control of the winemaker Marie Julian.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Intense aromas of violet mingled with touches of ripe dark berries, especially black currant. Richly scented with the pungency of Mediterranean flavors, there is enormous pleasure in the subtle velvety smoothness.

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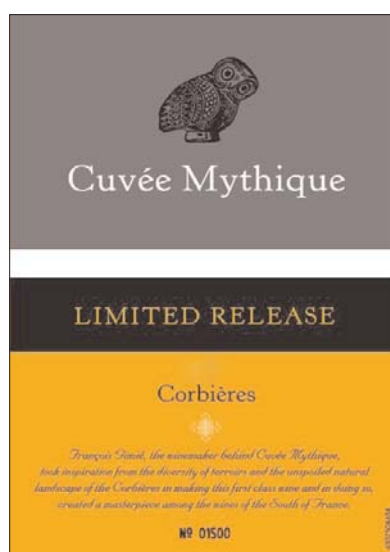
*Cellar Selection*

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LIMITED RELEASE 2005

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*As seen in...*

**91** pts



*A rich and beautiful wine with a lush, full weight and velvety texture. Typical black fruit abounds with accents of milk chocolate, thyme and eucalyptus. A hint of grapefruit oil adds vibrancy to the nose, transcending a more traditional Corbières offering. The finish is long and lingering but a bit tight with strong tannic presence; drink 2010 on.*

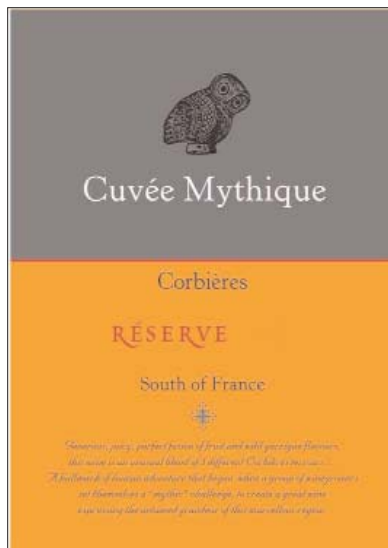
*L.B. (3/1/2009)*

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RÉSERVE 2005

CORBIÈRES, FRANCE



*As seen in...*



**WINEENTHUSIAST**  
MAGAZINE

**89**pts

*With 250 cases imported, this Reserve is easier to acquire, half the price and almost as satisfying as the brand's Limited Release offering. Loaded with influence of the surrounding garrigue, including bay leaves and sage, aromas and flavors of black cherries, plum skin, violets and tar also abound. Velvety in texture and full in the mouth with a long, evolving finish that ends on a divine mocha note.*

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