

Domaine Orenga De Gaffory - Vines of Orenga De Gaffory

PATRIMONIO WINE ROADS

The island wine road obviously goes to *Patrimonio*, between *Bastia* and *Saint-Florent*. This appellation area spreads over 7 villages. Once again, wine growers innovated by turning the road crossing their village into so many tasting steps.

Patrimonio is a lilting name on the bottles of one of the best wines of the island and the oldest. Here, everything is built on the vine, and more than anywhere else; the sun is burning and flooding with light on the wine grapes. A few kilometers from *Saint-Florent* bay, the vineyard benefits from the positive effects of the sea breeze. On this calcareous soil, lined with local traditional grape varieties, the vines will give a delicate and balanced wine; the red wines are gorgeous with venison and violet flavours; the white ones are fruity "à l'attaque ronde" and also the Muscats, slightly smoked, great as an aperitif as well as a after dinner or lunch.

Patrimonio wines win every year a lot of medals at the different agricultural shows and the Paris one as proof of its success.

The starting point of this road is obviously the village of *Patrimonio*, located halfway between *Bastia* and *Saint-Florent* on the D81 road. A sign on the D81 roadside will show you the way to the vineyards. Start with the *Marfisi* merchant, continue with the picturesque *Antoine Arena* vineyard, a bit further.

On your way, you'll see from the road, the Saint Martin stone church, do not hesitate to go and visit it. At the roundabout at the village exit, take the direction of Nonza (D81 road) in order to get to the vineyard of Stéphanie Olmeta, who is a nice Corsican wine grower. Backtrack and at the roundabout, take the Saint-Florent road, and you'll find the Orenga de Gaffory vineyard 500 meters on your left. There, you can enjoy permanent exhibitions of various artists.

From this cellar, keep going on the passable trail in the middle of the vines in order to discover the *Marengo* vineyards, owned by a young enthusiast couple who developed a now popular Muscat. Twist then towards *Saint-Florent* and you'll find a little further on your right the *Gentile* vineyards. Once in the center, take the "cathedral road" on your right at the junction with a small roundabout (Société Générale bank).

Further on the same road, you'll find Yves Leccia vineyards.

If you wish to go back, keep going on the same road for 4km, then turn left at the hairpin bend, and you'll get on the road to *Bastia* that will take you back to the Cap Corse.

If you wish to continue your visit, at the hairpin bend, turn right direction *Oletta* to visit the vineyard of *Santa Maria* and *Mariotti*. Once at the round-about, keep driving towards the village of *Casta* (15 minutes) where you could discover the où vous pourrez découvrir *The Domaine Pinelli* & its excellent muscat.

Places to have lunch or dinner?

Le Bartavin in Patrimonio : a relaxed wine bar offering traditional food. Le Mathys à St Florent, au coeur du village de Saint Florent

The two "Roads of the Wine" of the Cap Corse and *Patrimonio* are the wine "connaisseurs" privileged journey. Corsican wines enjoy a quickly-increasing international recognition. Here are the best producers of the region.

ROUTE DES VINS DE PATRIMONIO

(AOC Patrimonio et Muscat)

- LE CLOS MARFISI

in Patrimonio - +33 (0)6 14 75 22 41

- DOMAINE ARENA

in Patrimonio - +33 (0)4 95 37 08 27

- DOMAINE STEPHANIE OLMETA in Patrimonio - +33 (0)6 75 77 72 13

- DOMAINE ORENGA DE GAFFORY in Patrimonio - +33 (0)4 95 37 45 00

- DOMAINE MARENGO

in Patrimonio - +33 (0)6 20 87 00 15

- DOMAINE DE GENTILE

in Saint-Florent - +33 (0)4 95 37 01 54

- YVES LECCIA

in Poggio d'Oletta - +33 (0)4 95 37 || 35

- DOMAINE SANTAMARIA

in Oletta - +33 (0)4 95 39 03 51

- DOMAINE MARIOTTI

in Oletta - +33 (0)6 12 05 24 59

- DOMAINE DE PINELLI

Route de Casta - +33 (0)6 34 56 38 94

ROUTE DES VINS DU CAP

North of Erbalunga, from Southeast to Northwest (AOC Coteaux et Muscat du Cap Corse)

- DOMAINE DE PIERETTI

in Santa Severa +33 (0)4 95 35 01 03

- DOMAINE DE GIOIELLI

in *Rogliano* +33 (0)4 95 35 42 05

- CLOS NICROSI

in Rogliano +33 (0)4 95 35 41 17

- DOMAINE DE PIETRI

in *Marsiglia* +33 (0)6 63 39 15 40

Corsican roads are not the easiest ones to drive. We advise you to enjoy your tasting responsibly.