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Bring back the bunting and celebrate Bastille Day with a glass of multi-medal winning Abbotts & Delaunay now available at Averys Wine Merchants

The **Abbotts & Delaunay Collection** racked up an impressive **7 silver medals and one gold medal** at this year's IWC, IWSC and Decanter awards. And the entire award winning range is now available online at Averys Wine Merchants (www.averys.com) so in a 'summer' where British mania promises to take over, why not take a bit of time out and celebrate Bastille Day on 14 July French style with a glass of some of the best quality wines currently being made in the Languedoc – the Abbotts & Delaunay Collection.

The medal winning wines from the Abbotts & Delaunay Collection were:

Reserve Range (rrp £11.99)

Côtes du Roussillon Réserve, 2010, Gold-Concours des Grands Vins de France in Macon, Silver-IWC Corbières Réserve, 2010, Silver-IWSC and IWC

Clouds & Winds Range (rrp £16.99)

Alto Stratus, Carignan, 2010, Gold - Decanter, Silver-IWSC Cumulo Nimbus, Minervois, 2010, Silver- IWSC and IWC Zéphyr, Limoux, 2010, Silver- IWC

Abbotts & Delaunay is a new top-end collection of iconic AOC southern French wines, created by passionate winemaker and dedicated Languedoc expert, **Laurent Delaunay**, who followed his winemaking intuition and passion to make a range of wines which he believed were destined to become the benchmark for top end wines from the Languedoc-Roussillon and to rival the greatest wines in the world.

Delaunay comments, "This range is the culmination of years of hard work, searching the region for the best vineyards producing the best quality grapes. These medals are recognition of this and also of the quality of these wines which are competing alongside the best in the world."



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The Abbotts & Delaunay Corbières Réserve 2007 is available at www.swig.co.uk

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.)

Réserve Range

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.

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.