

Languedoc Vine Guardians

The Vine Guardian program helps small independent winemakers to overcome adversity, to thrive again and continue to produce delicious Languedoc wines.

The program began in 2021 and is run by Vin en Vacances, a vineyard tour

company imbedded in Languedoc and travel partner to Princess & Bear.

Why was the program set up?

To begin with Vin en Vacances set up the program to help one of the wine makers they work with, Emmanuel Puy. Emmanuel and his wife Leanne have two small children and manage a tiny independent vineyard on their own. The unusual spring frost in 2021 devasted his vines reducing the crop by over 75%. Vin en Vacances reached out to their



customers offering them a chance to come to the rescue by adopting a row of vines in return for a case of wine and a connection to the vineyard.

The response was fantastic with over 100 people pledging their support. Some of them were Americans and so Wendy of Vin en Vacances reached out to Carol and Steve and asked for their help to get the wines to these Guardians.

Princess & Bear supported the program by bringing Emmanuel's wines to the USA and fulfilling the orders and are continuing to do so.

Wendy is now expanding the program to other wine makers who also face adversity and has chosen Audrey of Domaine Montcelebre who at just 23 years old has taken over from her father after his tragic death to be the wine maker of this domain in the heart of the Minervois.

This is your opportunity to become a Vine Guardian and adopt a row of Languedoc vines and enjoy the wines, connection to the land and the fellowship of the Vine Guardians.



Choose from Three levels of Guardianship

Vignoble Puy - Premier Cru Guardianship - \$125 per year

This level of guardianship will bring you:

- Your name at the head of a row of Vignoble Puy vines
- 6 x bottles of the domain's wine
- Regular newsletters about the vineyard and the wines
- Opportunity to visit the winery if you visit France and an invitation to the Harvest picnic in the vineyard.

Vignoble Puy - Grand Cru Guardianship - \$199 per year

This level of guardianship will bring you:

- Your name at the head of a row of Vignoble Puy vines
- 6 x bottles of the Domains top wine
- Regular newsletters about the vineyard and the wines
- Opportunity to visit the winery if you visit France and an invitation to the Harvest picnic in the vineyard.

Montcelebre Guardianship - \$160 per year

- Your name at the head of a row of Domaine Montcelebre vines
- 6 x bottles of the Domain wine
- Regular newsletters about the vineyard and the wines
- Opportunity to visit the winery if you visit France and an invitation to the Harvest picnic in the vineyard.

