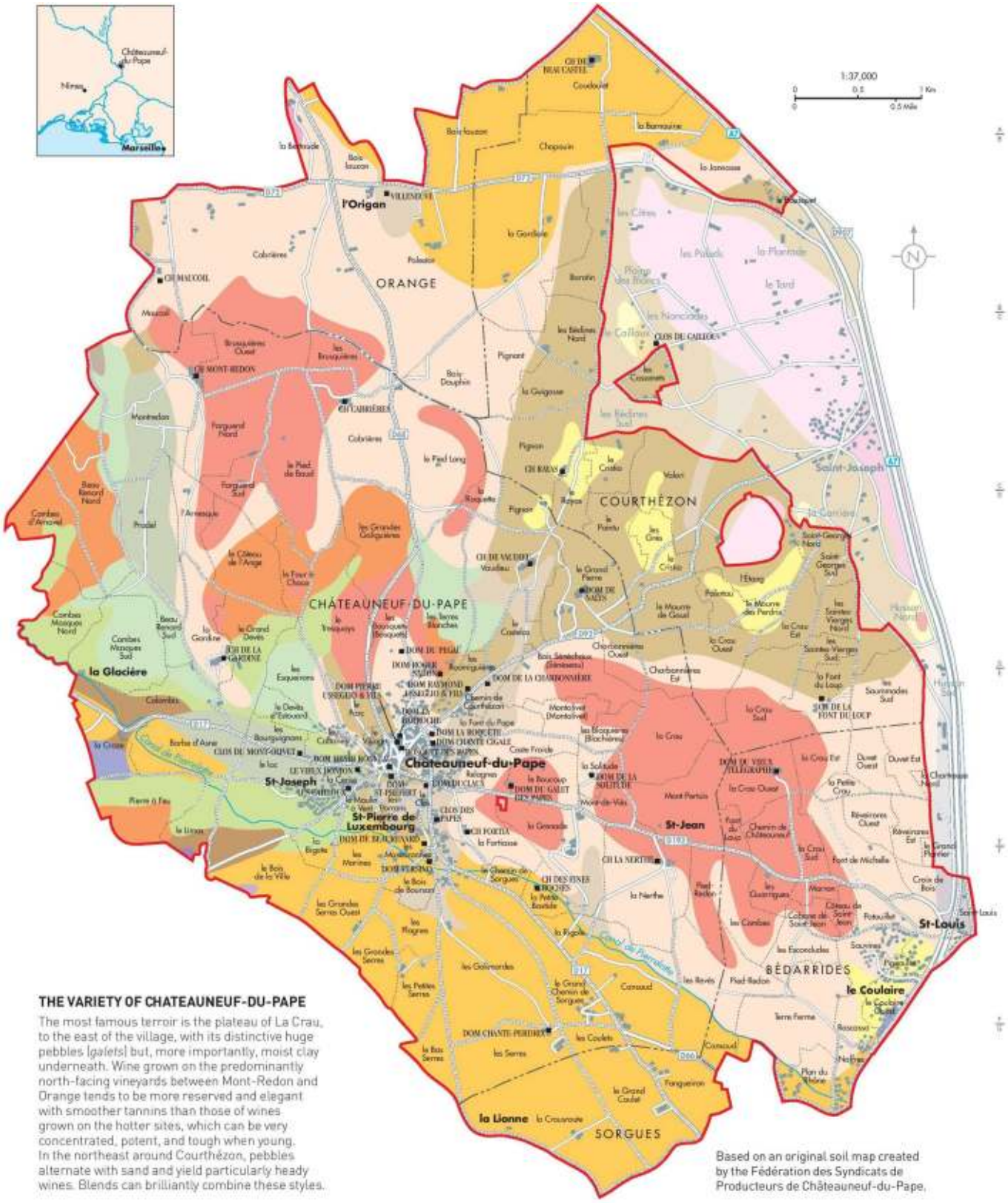

THE VARIETY OF CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

The most famous terroir is the plateau of La Crau, to the east of the village, with its distinctive huge pebbles (*galets*) but, more importantly, moist clay underneath. Wine grown on the predominantly north-facing vineyards between Mont-Redon and Orange tends to be more reserved and elegant with smoother tannins than those of wines grown on the hotter sites, which can be very concentrated, potent, and tough when young. In the northeast around Courthézon, pebbles alternate with sand and yield particularly heady wines. Blends can brilliantly combine these styles.

Based on an original soil map created by the Fédération des Syndicats de Producteurs de Châteauneuf-du-Pape.