

# News

## Organic File : "when organic, lifestyle and sustainability all meet in the Drôme"

Have a quick look at our organic file, you will see that our department, a veritable motor in sustainable development continues to surprise... **Top organic department in France**, the Drôme offers a **wide range of vegetable and animal products** derived from organic agriculture. We invite you to discover organic agriculture, sensible agriculture, sustainable development.

Our department has been able to bring together **dependable partners** to demonstrate that well-managed resources will produce the balance required for today and the future.

**The Drôme abounds in people and places** who will welcome you and reveal its secrets.

**Here are some examples of events to awaken the eco-citizen in you.**

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### **Nocturnal events at the château de Grignan**

#### **Zelinda and Lindoro, by Carlo Goldoni**

**From 14 July to 28 August 2006**

Following "Les Rustres" in 2004, the master of Italian comedy **Carlo Goldoni** returns to Grignan. The production of this, the 19th edition of the Fêtes Nocturnes, has been placed in the capable hands of **Jean-Claude Berutti**. The adaptation of the **Zelinda and Lindoro** trilogy is a first in France and you can see it at Grignan.

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### **Les Rêveries du Lac : 4 stars tourist residence**

**Opens on 20 December 2005**

At the hearts of the Drôme orchards, **the brand new 'residential Rêveries du Lac' estate**, resembles a little Provençal village. It contains 90 high quality apartments, fully equipped and air-conditioned, with terraces and private parking. The outstanding infrastructure is set in an estate extending to 7 hectares. SPA, covered swimming-pool, hammam, sauna, jacuzzi, tennis- court, boudodrome, children's games, mini golf, quad, mountain biking, 5 minutes away: golf, go-karting, water sports.

'Les Rêveries du Lac' is 8 minutes from the A7 and A49 motorways and 10 minutes from Valence TGV station.

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### **Armenia, my friend**

#### **Armenian year in France, from October 2006 to August 2007**

The official launch of the Armenian year will take place at Erevan on 21 September 2006. The Armenian season in France will only begin in October and will **have a particular resonance in Valence and in the Drôme**. The city of Valence will be staging its own events, The **Centre du Patrimoine Arménien**, which opened in June 2005 will be featuring two exhibitions. The permanent exhibition will of course be open and during this season of lectures will complement events which will also be organised in the main cultural centres of the town : theatre, médiathèque, music school, CRAC, Valence Ville d'Art et d'histoire, the city record centre, Comédie de Valence. The diversity of fare offered is aimed at a very wide audience who can also take advantage of the events organised in the whole département (Romans, Die and Montélimar).

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## Secrets of the region

**The Quality exercise : 'Secrets de Terroir-Drôme Provençale'**, promoted by the Rhône-Alpes region , aims to certificate all tourist services which promote local products and skills, with an emphasis on face to face contact. This is a new initiative in a number of different ways:

]- **more than just a quality label, this is a first in the certification of services** monitored by an outside agency, the AFAQ (Agence Française d'Assurance Qualité), in this area

- it certifies a number of localised tourist services (accommodation, local produce, memorials, attractions, nature studies, events), **constituting a veritable network.**

Marking its first vintage, around 15 services will be featured.

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## MARQUES AVENUE at ROMANS Extension in March 2006

**MARQUES AVENUE - FACTORY SHOPS** at Romans-sur-Isère; 46 factory shops situated in the town centre, in a former police station, refurbished by the well known architect Jean-Michel WILMOTTE. Nearly 50 brands offer you an unbeatable opportunity: surplus stocks from the great 'Mode et Maison' labels at reduced prices throughout the year, also contributing to the prestigious trade marks presented in conjunction with this concept at the heart of Romans. **And, from March 2004, there will be over 18 more names which will be offering you the most competitive prices on the great brands!**

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## Port de Plaisance de Valence

**The ideal port of call in which to weigh anchor**  
**Pavillon Bleu d'Europe**

France's number one river port, ideally situated at one day's navigation from the Mediterranean, the "port de plaisance de l'Épervière" **now offers 460 fully serviced berths** available throughout the year. Following its certification (ISO 9001-2000) in June 2003, **the next objective was to win the 'Pavillon Bleu d'Europe' for 2005. Efforts which have been well rewarded !**

<b>In March 2005 the 'Port de Plaisance de l'Épervière' duly received the "Pavillon Bleu d'Europe" with special mention for the quality and marked emphasis on its education programme.</b>
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A partnership has also been established between FRAPNA Drôme (nature protection) and the port, in order to protect the natural habitat and encourage respect for the natural environment. Thus the port de l'Épervière will be a key site during the spring migration period for observing migrating birds.

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