The Gastronomic Districts?

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The aim of this text is to explain the location of the French gastronomy by the mean of the "Gastronomic District" concept, which is a special type of industrial and / or cultural cluster. After building the concept of "Gastronomic District", we study two main forms.

We identify two types of gastronomic districts in France, by source of supply of gastronomic inputs - and consequently the type of heritage(s) used -:

"the gastronomic district based on a regional and common gastronomic heritage" symbolised by the model of Lyon, and,

"the gastronomic district based on an aristocratic gastronomic heritage, derived from the Court cuisine and organised by the local cultural heritage" illustrated by the Parisian model. The origin of raw materials needed for Chefs induced a different relationship with the local heritage and a different organisation within the district...

The purpose of this work is to produce an analysis of two French gastronomic districts, which can then be used for the study of other districts and to identify other types of gastronomic districts.

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