The Papalines d'Avignon are a chocolate confectionery registered in the inventory of French specialties. They were created in 1960 by the Pastry Masters of Vaucluse who wanted to provide our department with a specialty based on local products.

In the heart of this thistle, the famous liqueur «Origan du Comtat» awaits the gourmet. This one is made by the Blachère House, the oldest distillery in Provence, founded in 1835. No less than 60 plants picked in the region are needed to make «Origan du Comtat». After maceration, distillation and addition of lavender honey, the delicious brew is ready to be coated.

But how to put a liqueur in a thistle? This is where the know-how of the confectioner comes into play, a bit magical!

On a plate of starch, he preforms cells which he fills with a part of liqueur. When this one will have dried, it will leave a fine layer of sugar which consolidates the candy and makes it ready to be coated with chocolate.

The first coating is a fine semi-bitter chocolate (72%) with little sugar to allow the liqueur to develop its full aroma. The second coating is a pink chocolate (the authentic Papaline is always pink), bristling with small points made by hand with a special brush (hence the name of thistle) when the chocolate is still a little liquid.

In a few days, the sugar layer melts in contact with the liqueur, leaving only the chocolate and the «Origan du Comtat» to tickle the taste buds of the gourmands.

Discover, offer the sweet speciality of Hauchuse.



