

## 365 roulette

The Exotic Side of French Roulette - Neighbours Of Zero, Orphans And Neighbours And Thirds Of The Wheel Of Tiers

Roulette is, at heart, a simple game. So trust French casino-dwellers to develop some rather more intricate ways in which to play

. If you're given the chance to play a French-style roulette table, then you

should, as this will probably give you access to the punter-friendly

En Prison/La Partage rules. Combine these with a single zero layout (unlike dou) Tj T\* BT /F

.4%. However, if you are taking a spin on a true French table, you

will find much that's, erm, foreign. And most of this will be due to the exi

stence of bet types like Voisins du Zero, Tiers du Cylindre, and Orph

elins.

Whereas most roulette tables (in land casinos) assign coloured chips to

the players, so that winning bets can be easily identified, the chip

s on French tables differ only in the numerical amounts they have pri

nted on them. With nothing to distinguish one player from another, it becomes im

portant not to have too many chips on the board at the same time. The

need for space partly inspired the invention of an additional grid,

called the 'Racetrack'. This oval-shaped section sits to the side of the

main play area. it features all of the same numbers - 0 to 36 - but

within a different layout. Its point is to act as an extension to the

main grid, and to encourage some of the players to switch to exotic 'French

Bets'. These French bets were traditionally referred to as 'Call

Bets' or 'Announced Bets', as they were too specialist to be fe

atured on the main tables, and players had to call out when they want

ed to play them.

The Ins and Outs of Call Bets

If you look at the main wheel for roulette, you will see t