

A close-up photograph of a pair of hands holding a large bunch of dark blue Pinot Noir grapes. The grapes are ripe and have a natural bloom. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a vineyard setting. The text is overlaid on the image.

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Based in Burgundy since 1797, enriched by a more than bicentenary experience, we pursue our extension initiatives towards greater burgundy by buying and planting 20 hectares in the vineyards of "les Pierres Dorées" in the south of the Beaujolais.



Cabotte in the vineyard "La Cabane"

The Pierres Dorées region is located at the gates of Lyon and is also called "the Little Tuscany". The crinoidal limestone (marine fossils from the family of starfishes) is tinted by iron oxide which gives it that yellow ochre colour: Les Pierres Dorées (Golden Stones). The architecture and the landscape reminisces Italy: vineyards, hills, and 39 little villages sitting on top of those hills, where houses and castles built from ochre stones, bear a wonderful golden color. As Louis-Fabrice Latour often says, "it's the most beautiful region in France".

Located in the southern part of Burgundy, Les Pierres Dorées provide wonderful clay-limestone soils. The parcels that Maison Louis Latour has selected form two blocks which are situated on the Morancé and Theizé villages. Most of the Morancé village is built with the famous golden stones and also with the white stones from Lucenay. Soils are very stony in this area. In the village of Theizey, clay soils and golden stones are highly present: drystone cadoles (traditional shelters in the vineyards), the gothic Church, gorgeous facades of Château de Rapetour and Château de Rochebonne.

This is a visionary project because historically the terroirs of the South of Beaujolais were planted with Gamay. It became obvious to us, given the specific altitude and clay-limestone

soils of this area, that these conditions would be perfectly appropriate for us to plant Pinot Noir. The continental temperate climate influenced by both the mountains and the Mediterranean sea, allows the Maison Louis Latour selected parcels to benefit from fresh temperatures and a good sun exposure as the vineyard is planted between 280 and 400 meters high. This climate is perfect for this elegant and delicate vine variety. High temperatures could cause over-ripeness of the grapes.

All the conditions to create great wines are united in the Pierres Dorées vineyard. Hard work was necessary to replant over 20 hectares; starting with, the thorough selection of the Pinot Noir stock, from the Burgundy Wine-making Technical Association. We have chosen to work with a slightly lower planting density compared to our vines in Côte d'Or (North of Burgundy): 9000 vine stocks per hectare; semi widely spaced vines which resemble the vineyards from Alsace and St Émilion.



Replanting in the "Fontjard", Juin 2014

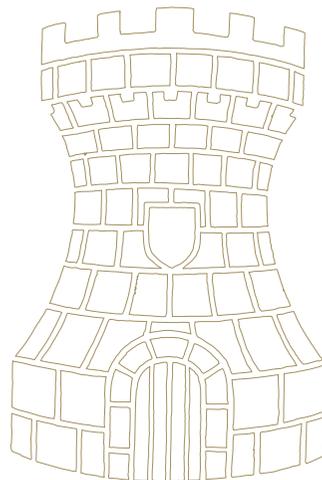


A BEAUTIFUL “TERROIR” ... AND PINOT NOIR!

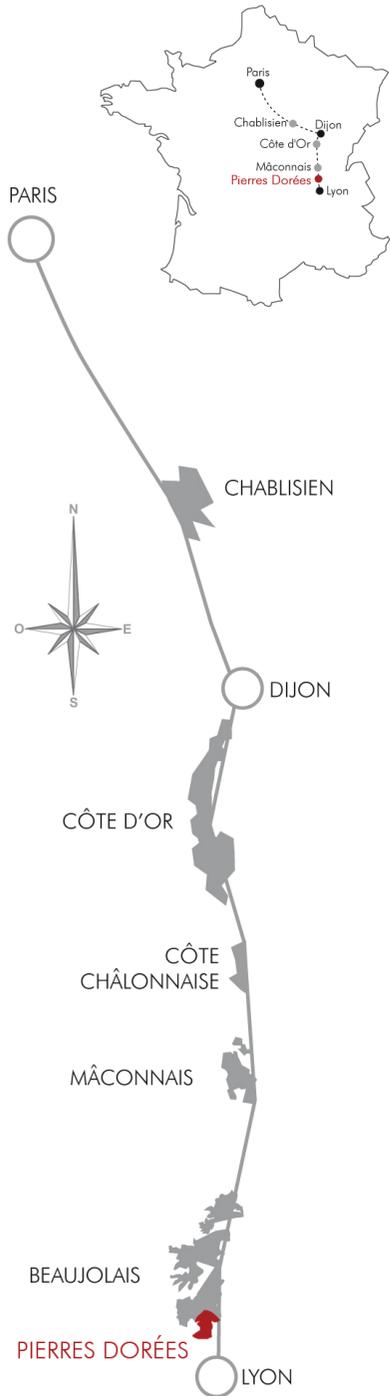
Morancé and Theizé are two villages located on gently sloping hills, which allows the plots to benefit from an excellent sun exposure. Soils and Subsoils are made of crinoidal limestone (marine fossils from the family of starfishes), marl from the Early Jurrassic period and a clay-limestone mix.

This geological profile confers typicity to wines. It reveals all the great potential of Pinot Noir, which is a grape variety that opens up on poor clay-limestone soils. Here, the right proportion of limestone creates balanced wines with a perfect strength.

Morancé



Theizé



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The continental temperate climate of "Les Pierres Dorées" combined with the altitude at which our vines are planted, provides authenticity to the wines. It reveals a bright elegant fruit flavor to the Pinot Noir beyond comparison.

INFO

VITICULTURE Sustainable Agriculture

GRAPE VARIETY Pinot Noir

PRODUCTION 30,000 bottles

MATURATION Tanks & Louis Latour Barrels

VINTAGE 19th and 20th of Sept. 2016

HARVEST Manual

YIELD IN 2015 30 HL per Hectare

SERVING TEMPERATURE Between 14 et 16°C

TASTING NOTE

Bright and intense red colour with red-garnet lights. On the nose, we discover a gourmet blend of flowers, red berries and soft spices. On the palate, it is crunchy, round and ample. The Pinot Noir from the Pierres Dorées terroir offers a wine with a great freshness, underlined by concentrated black fruits aromas with a superb length.



BEAUJOLAIS

PIERRES DORÉES

LYON



280 to 380 METRES ● Altitude

Density ● 6000 to 9000 PIEDS/HA

25 HECTARES ● Surface

Launching ● SEPTEMBER 2016

CLAY & LIMESTONE ● Soil

Exposure ● EAST / SOUTH-EAST

SUSTAINABLE FARMING ● VITICULTURE

VINE SELECTION ● POLYCLONALE

45°53'52.2"N ● Latitude

Longitude ● 4°41'59.7"E

