



# Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

## BEAUNE 1ER CRU "VIGNES FRANCHES" 2005

- REGION Côte de Beaune
- APPELLATION Beaune Premier Cru
- VILLAGE Beaune
- GRAPE VARIETY Pinot Noir

### *The Vine*

- AVERAGE VINE AGE 35 years
- SOIL Clay and limestone.
- AVERAGE YIELD 40 hl/ha
- HARVEST Hand picked

### *Vinification & Ageing*

- FERMENTATION Traditional in open vats
- AGEING 10 to 12 months ageing in oak barrels, 25% new
- BARRELS Louis Latour cooperage, French oak, medium toasted

### *Description*

Historically the owners of this area did not have to pay tax on the land, hence the name 'Vignes Franches' ('free vines'). The Beaune Premier Cru "Vignes Franches" parcel, important part of Domaine Louis Latour, is found mid-slope. The clay soils are scattered with small pebbles which allows for easy drainage of water. Here we find the same opulence as in neighbouring Pommard, as well as an extremely pleasant fruit-forwardness even when young. It is one of the best Premier Cru vineyards of Beaune, producing a wine that is capable of ageing to perfection for a considerable period of time.

### *Wine tasting*

- TASTING NOTE An enchanting bouquet revealing aromas that associate fresh cherries to more spicy ones of liquorice and even kirsch. Once on the palate we can admire the true power of this well balanced wine with mellow tannins. A harmonious wine that will be perfect to enjoy in five to seven years. Tasted January 2007
- CELLARING POTENTIAL 7-10 years
- FOOD PAIRING Beef "Bourguignon" - duck breast - woodcock - Camembert - soft cheeses.
- SERVING TEMPERATURE 15-17°

### *Press review*

- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2005 - Wine Gang - September 2009 - 93/100
- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2005 - CNBC.com - November 2008 - 92/100
- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2005 - Wine Enthusiast - August 31st, 2008 - 92/100
- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2005 - Jancis Robinson - January 2007 - 15/20
- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2005 - Wine Spectator - January 31st, 2008 - 92/100
- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2005 - Burghound.com - April 2007 - 89/100
- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2005 - Wine Advocate - May 30th, 2007 - 89/100

