



# Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

## BEAUNE 1ER CRU "VIGNES FRANCHES" 2018

- 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 with complete malolactic fermentation.
- 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 Our 2018 Beaune Premier Cru Vignes Franches has a profound ruby hue with intense aromas of black cherries and mocha. On the palate the wine is ample and fresh, displaying notes of forest undergrowth underlain by a silky tannin structure.
- 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" 2018, 93/100, James Suckling
- Beaune Vignes Franches Premier Cru 2018 - 92/100 - Wine Enthusiast, December 2020
- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2018 - The Wine Advocate - 90 pts
- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2018 - Bill Nanson - Burgundy Report 2021
- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2018 - 93 pts - Wine Spectator May 2021
- Beaune 1er "Vignes Franches" 2018 - Tim Atkin - January 2020 - 92/100
- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2018 - 92/100 - Wine Enthusiast
- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2018 - Burghound.com, Allen Meadows - Spring 2020 - 90/100
- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2018 - William Kelley, Wine Advocate (USA) - February 2020 - 91/100
- Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2018 - Bill Nanson - January 2020 - "This is excellent!"





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Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2018 - Jancis Robinson - January 2020 - 16/20

