Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches"
2020

- **Region** Côte de Beaune
- **Village** Beaune
- **Appellation** Beaune Premier Cru
- **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 Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2020 has a ruby color with garnet hues. Its bouquet reveals aromas of cherry, coffee and liquorice. On the palate, this 1er Cru is elegant with melted tannins.
- **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" 2020 - Wine Enthusiast - 93/100
Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2020 - James Suckling - 97/100 pts
Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2020 - La Revue du Vin de France - 91/100 pts
Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2020 - Burghound.com - 90-92/100 pts
Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2020 - Wine Enthusiast - 93/100
Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2020 - The Wine Advocate - January 2023 - 92/100
Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2020 - Wine Spectator - USA - October 2022 - 92/100