Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches"
2012

- **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
- **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** Intense garnet red, the Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2012 reveals a bouquet full of cherry and liquorice aromas. Red and black fruits dominate in the mouth accompanied by cocoa and spiced notes. This is a full-bodied wine which is well-balanced with lots of power and lovely tannins on the finish.
- **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" 2012 - Burghound.com - April 2014 - "A seductive mouth feel"
Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2012 - Wine Enthusiast - December 2015 - 91/100
Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2012 - Wine Spectator - Juin 2015 - 91/100
Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2012 - Apstein on Wine - December 2014 - 93/100
Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2012 - Burgundy Report - June 2014 - "Simply lovely"
Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2012 - Jancis Robinson - January 2014 - 15.5/20