



Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

BEAUNE 1^{ER} CRU "VIGNES FRANCHES" 2008

- 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 Balanced and delicate, this Beaune « Vignes Franches » has flavours of fresh cherries, liquorice and spice. The wine is harmonious with soft tannins which makes it very pleasant in the mouth.
- 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" 2008 - Wine Enthusiast - December 2010 - 88/100

Beaune 1er Cru "Vignes Franches" 2008 - Wine Spectator - May 2011 - 90/100

