

THE SOURCE

Thierry Richoux 2017 Irancy, Rouge

Varietal(s)	Pinot Noir
Region	Burgundy, France
Short Summary	
Terroir	The hamlet of Irancy is tucked in at the bottom of an amphitheater covered in Pinot Noir vines about a 20 minute drive west from the center of Chablis. It shares the same basic geology as Chablis: Portlandian limestone on the upper, flat sections and Kimmerigean limestone marls not so far down the slope and going all the way to the bottom. Irancy has a special climate for Pinot Noir because of its horseshoe shape that faces south, west and north, with another face that wraps outside the southwest corner with more south and west expositions, like Veaupessiot and La Palotte. The Pinot Noir from the north face is often used for cremant or rosé because it has a more difficult time ripening. César, another red grape known for its rusticity and untamed character, is only found in Richoux's La Palotte cuvée, while the rest of the reds remain 100% Pinot Noir.
Cellar Notes	After picking by hand the grapes are 100% destemmed and cold soaked for three days before starting their 2-3 week spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel. Malolactic is finished naturally by the end of spring (normally, but the climate is changing things). Pre-2018 there was no SO2 before fermentation and none made throughout the élevage until bottling.
Farming	Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist
Alcohol %	12.5-13.5
Total SO2	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High