

THE SOURCE

Producer	Thierry Richoux		
Wine	2015 Irancy, Rouge, 'Veaupessiot'		
Region and Country	Burgundy, France		
Varietal(s)	Pinot Noir		
Terroir	Irancy is tucked in at the bottom of a very small amphitheater about 20 minutes west from the center of Chablis. It shares the same basic geology as Chablis: Portlandian limestone on the upper sections and Kimmeridgian limestone inside of the sloped areas. Irancy has found its special climate for Pinot Noir because of its horseshoe shape that faces south, west and north. Veaupessiot is located outside the amphitheater on the south side all the way to the western edge. It is completely exposed to the elements making for a wine of tension, aroma and great freshness.		
Soil	Kimmeridgian limestone marls with very light soil and more stone compared to other zones in Irancy.		
Irrigation	Forbidden—Never—Sometimes	Technical Precision	Nature—Moderate—Nurture
Vine Age	Average age 30 years (2019); 2.34ha	Altitude(m); Aspect	200-250; SW/W
Vinification	After picking by hand the grapes are 100% destemmed and cold soaked for 3 days cold soak 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 elevage until bottling. There is no fining or filtration.		
Aging	2.5 years total elevage time: First year in stainless steel, the remainder in 600-liter (15% new); pre-2013 aged in large old 55-80hl foudre.		
Farming	Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist		
Enological Additions	Sulfur Dioxide		

Observations (subjective and abstract; based on young wines)

General Impressions	Aromatic, High-Toned, Earthy, Mineral, Textured, Red and Dark Red Fruit, Aperol, Energetic		
Ageability	Drink Young—Short-Term Benefits—Long-Term Benefits—Unknown		
Intensity	Subtle—Vigorous—Electric	Body	Light—Medium—Full
Core	Lithe—Medium—Dense	Tannin	Light—Medium—Full
Acidity	Light—Medium—Full—Electric	Wood Presence	Light—Medium—Full—Electric
Texture	Lithe—Medium—Dense	Finish	Front—Middle—Back
Mineral Impressions	Lightly Salty—Salty—Metal—Mineral—Wet Stone—Flint—Graphite—Reductive—Petrol		

Lab Analysis (general range)

Alcohol %	12.5-13.5	Titrateable Acidity (g/L)	4.5
pH	3.4-3.5	Residual Sugar (g/L)	Dry
Total SO2	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High		

Notes compiled in 2019 by Ted Vance (The Source) and Thierry Richoux
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