

Thierry Richoux 2017 Irancy, Rouge Les Cailles

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 Kimmerigeon 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, the location of La Palotte and Veaupessiot. Les Cailles is inside the amphitheater on a soft slope of old vines. It's notably more firm, mineral and straight than Veaupessiot and by comparison usually needs even another year or two for the charm to emerge.
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 elevage until bottling.
Farming	Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist
Alcohol %	12.5-13.5
Total SO2	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High