

THE SOURCE

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2021 IRANCY, ROUGE LES CAILLES

PRODUCER OVERVIEW

Thierry Richoux and his sons, Gavin and Félix, craft impressive age-worthy wines southwest of Chablis, in Irancy, an appellation specializing in Pinot Noir. Sharing the same basic geology as Chablis, Irancy's small amphitheater faces all directions but east, and includes a slope on the outside of the U, on the south hill that faces south and west—home to the lieux-dits, Veaupessiot and Palotte. Their organic and biodynamically farmed vineyards on a variety of aspects on mostly steep slopes are composed of limestone marl and clay. All grapes for red wines are hand-harvested, vinified with native yeasts, (sometimes with stems) and aged in a mix of 500l barrels, 40hl-55hl foudres and steel vats. In addition to their range of Irancy reds, they also produce a méthode Champenoise sparkling and a Rosé from Pinot Noir.

VINEYARD DETAILS

Richoux's Irancy "Les Cailles" is 100% Pinot Noir from 1.77ha with an average age of 55 years (2023) on a medium slope with a south exposure at 180-200m on limestone marl bedrock and brown clay topsoil.

CELLAR NOTES

The 2021 Les Cailles was destemmed and naturally fermented in steel vats with one pumpover per day for 15-18 days. After pressing, it settled for one month, then was racked into 228-liter barrels, where it aged unmoved for 14 months, followed by 12 months in steel. It is without added sulfites until bottling.

