

THE SOURCE
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2015 IRANCY ROUGE, PALOTTE

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 "Palotte" is ~90% Pinot Noir and 10% César from a small parcel on a steep slope with a south exposure at 200-235m on limestone marl bedrock and brown clay topsoil.

CELLAR NOTES

Hand harvest, rigorous sorting, zero stem inclusion, cold soaked 3 days, natural ferment 2-3 wks, stainless. Malolactic completed by end of spring. Pre-2018 no SO2 before ferment or until bottling.

