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## **DOMAINE LA CROIX MONTJOIE, NAMED AFTER A CROSS & OCCUPYING AN OLD FARM**

### **VINEYARD BETWEEN VEZELAY & THAROISEAU**

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The Estate was named after a Cross located at the Crossroads between Vézelay and Tharoiseau. This Cross signals the Spot where Pilgrims coming from Avallon first caught sight of Vézelay and felt overjoyed.

The Ten Hectare Vineyard is located in Tharoiseau, and the Winery occupies an Old Farm once part of the Commune's Castle. It offers Spectacular Views of the Vézelay Church and of the Morvan Foothills.

The Vineyards are comprised of 15 Hectares of Chardonnay, known as the Jewel of Burgundy grapes. The South/South-East facing Slopes provide Ideal Conditions for the Grapes to reach their Full Potential.

The Vines are grown in a Stony Clay Limestone Soil that contains Gryphea Gigantea Fossils. The Climate is Continental : the Winter is Harsh, and during the Summer the Days are Warm but the Nights remain Cool.

They use Sustainable Methods, requiring Minimal Application of Synthetically Manufactured Chemicals and they believe this Approach allows them to more fully express the Terroir.

The Estate is Organic certified since 2021 Vintage.

The Appellation Bourgogne Vézelay is located in the South of the Yonne Department, in the Burgundy Region, between Chablis and Beaune.

The Vineyards are spread over the Hillsides of Four Communes (Tharoiseau, Saint-Père, Vézelay and Asquins) and cover a Hundred Hectares.

The Vézelay Hill and the Sainte Marie-Madeleine Church are included in the UNESCO List of World Heritage Sites, Tower above the Domain.

The Church, a Major Pilgrimage Site, is a Departure Point for the Way of Saint James. The Area is also Highly Frequentated by Tourists, and it hosts Cultural Events, Exhibitions and Concerts all Year Round.

### Wine List

\* L'Impatiente

AOC VÉZELAY (white) 100% Chardonnay - 9 months long ageing in vats

\* L'Elégante

AOC VÉZELAY (white) - 100% Chardonnay - 9 months long ageing in vats and old casks

\* La Voluptueuse

AOC VÉZELAY (white) - 100% Chardonnay - 12 months long ageing in old and new casks

\* Bourgogne Pinot Noir  
100% Pinot Noir - 6 months ageing in vats

\* Irancy  
AOC IRANCY - 100% Pinot Noir - 12 months long ageing in old casks

\* Crémant de Bourgogne  
AOC CREMANT DE BOURGOGNE - 80% Chardonnay - 20% Pinot Noir - 18 months ageing

\* Ratafia de Bourgogne  
RATAFIA DE BOURGOGNE - Chardonnay - Marc de Bourgogne - 36 months ageing in old casks

\* Marc de Bourgogne  
MARC DE BOURGOGNE 2011 - Marcs de Pinot Noir - Aging in old barrels - 10 ans

\* Chardonnay 2021  
VIN DE FRANCE - 100 % Chardonnay - 9 months long ageing in vats

\* Pinot Noir 2023  
VIN DE FRANCE - 100 % Pinot Noir - 9 months long ageing in vats

\* Moulin à Vent 2021  
BEAUJOLAIS - AOC Moulin à Vent - 100% Gamay - 12 months long ageing in old casks

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