



DOMAINE LUCIEN JACOB BEAUNE 1ER CRU LES CENT VIGNES

The small picturesque village of Echevronne, tucked away up a half-forgotten valley, is only a few kilometres northwest of Beaune. This is a ravishing spot; a bit of Jura-like country where the vineyards are interspersed by wildflower meadows beneath the gentle crags. Fully a third of the 250 villagers earn their living from the vine. Arguably, the most famous man around here is Lucien Jacob; one time Member of Parliament for the Cote d'Or at the National Assembly in Paris. A dynamic man, Lucien managed to combine his national duties with a passionate crusade to improve the quality and reputation of these wines of the Hautes Cotes de Beaune.



Retiring in 1989 Lucien handed over the reins of his domaine to his daughter Chantal and his son Jean Michel. On his way home to Beaune in 1987 he stopped off in Hong Kong where he met Christine, a young English lawyer, now his wife. All three work full time at the domaine.

Upon taking the reins of the domaine, Jean Michel Jacob modified the vinification process to produce wines of considerably more structure than those crafted by his father, Lucien. Prior to Jean Michel's arrival, the wines were charming with an appealing fruitiness. Jean Michel has worked to reduce yields in the vineyards and has extended the cuvaision to bring more backbone to the wines while maintaining the lovely aromatics and elegance that are the hallmark of wines from this part of the Cote de Beaune. Respect for terroir is a fundamental value at this domaine and the purity of these wines has never been sacrificed in the search for artificial power and depth of colour.

TASTING NOTES:

This "climat" on a gentle slope is characterized by a brown, very filtering limestone soil, mixed with clay and sand. The Pinot Noir expresses itself marvelously, blending the smoothness and roundness of the Beaunes with force, richness and depth.

A deep beautiful ruby robe, crystalline to the rim, makes this wine shine. Dark berry, mineral and earthy nuances greet the nose, inviting the silky and seductive qualities that excite the palate.

