

# A CHÂTEAU, A WINE ESTATE RESPECTING NATURE IN THE BURGUNDY VINEYARD

The history of the Château de Messey estate begins with the acquisition of a 7ha85 wood in the village of Cruzille by Marc Dumont. This terroir, planted and operated by the monks of Cluny in the 12th century and classified as a **Mâcon-Cruzille** appellation, is exposed to the East, facing the Mont Blanc.



The 2 wings of the Château de Messey, Ozenay

The planting of this fairly high altitude vineyard (« clos ») began in 1989. Three years later, it was time to have the first harvest.... The vinification took place at the Château de Messey in Ozenay. Built as a Romanesque fortress with two wings facing each other, this castle, in its current **16th century** form, has been home to many harvests throughout its history until 1958. Thirty-five years later, the beautiful vaulted cellars once again hosted fermenting wines! In the same year, a parcel of Mâcon-Chardonnay was planted opposite the Château on the terroir called “les Crêts”.



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After some great experiences in Burgundy, the Dumont family decided in 2017 to refocus their wine-making activity in Ozenay and Cruzille. The wine estate, which celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2019, now farms 10.5 hectares of these two appellations.

From a reasoned cultivation, the estate has gradually switched to full plowing using zero weedkiller. In 2018, Frederic Servais new manager and wine maker, organized the transition to organic farming with an **Ecocert certification** obtained in 2021.

**Le Clos des Avoueries**, in the Mâcon-Cruzille appellation, is a 5.5 hectares monopoly in an exceptional location as it is completely isolated in the middle of boxwoods, dry stone walls and limestone

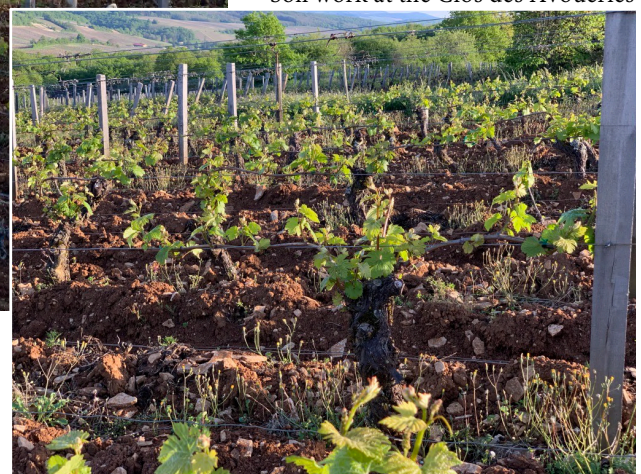
rocks. A place very frequented by... game which appreciates its calm and preserved nature. It produces fresh, powerful and mineral wines. **A true Burgundy!**



One of the vaulted cellar



Clos des Avoueries on the top of the hill of Cruzille



Soil work at the Clos des Avoueries



Our **Mâcon-Chardonnay** “Les Crêts” comes from a 5 hectares vineyard, also without any direct neighbour. Facing East, its terroir is composed of white limestone. Younger, it produces **round, gourmet and rich wines**. Very Mâconnais!

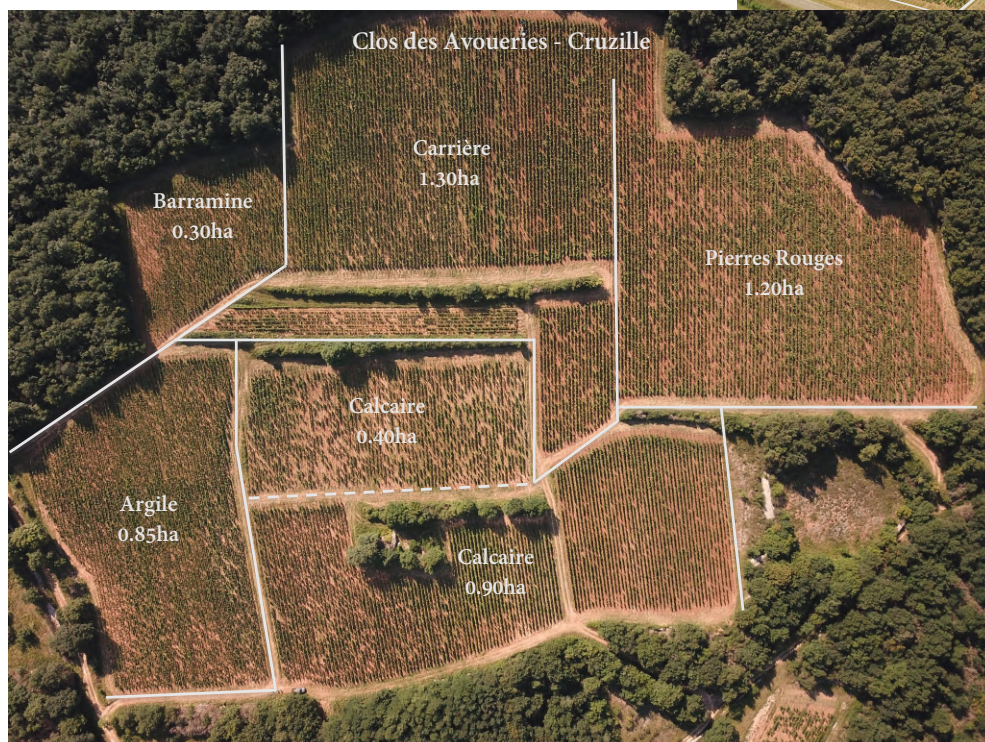


Les Crêts with a view on the château, Ozenay

The **isolated situation** of our vineyards allow us to produce grapes that respect biodiversity. Harvested by hand, they have been vinified since the 2018 vintage in **micro-parcel** as naturally as possible, with hardly any SO<sub>2</sub>. Fermentation takes place at a very low temperature and therefore lasts several months. A unique process!

The wines already bear witness to the great personality of each place. The Clos des Avoueries offers now 4 cuvées based on those micro-parcel:

“**Monopole**”, “**Calcaire**”, “**Pierres Rouges**” and the evocative “**Barramine**”. We extended this process to the Crêts of Château de Messey with the Cuvée “**Roche**”.





These efforts are bearing fruit and the professionals testify to this. Our Mâcon-Cruzille Cuvée Calcaire has been selected for the BIVB (interprofessional council) Cave de Prestige to promote Burgundy wines throughout the world (vintage 2017, 2018 and 2019).



*Mâcon-Cruzille « Clos des Avoueries » Calcaire 2018*  
2 stars, Coup de cœur Guide Hachette 2021

*Mâcon-Cruzille « Clos des Avoueries » Pierres rouges 2018*

1 star Guide Hachette 2021

*Mâcon Cruzille « Clos des Avoueries » 2017*

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*Mâcon Chardonnay « Les Crêts » 2017*

1 star Guide Hachette 2020



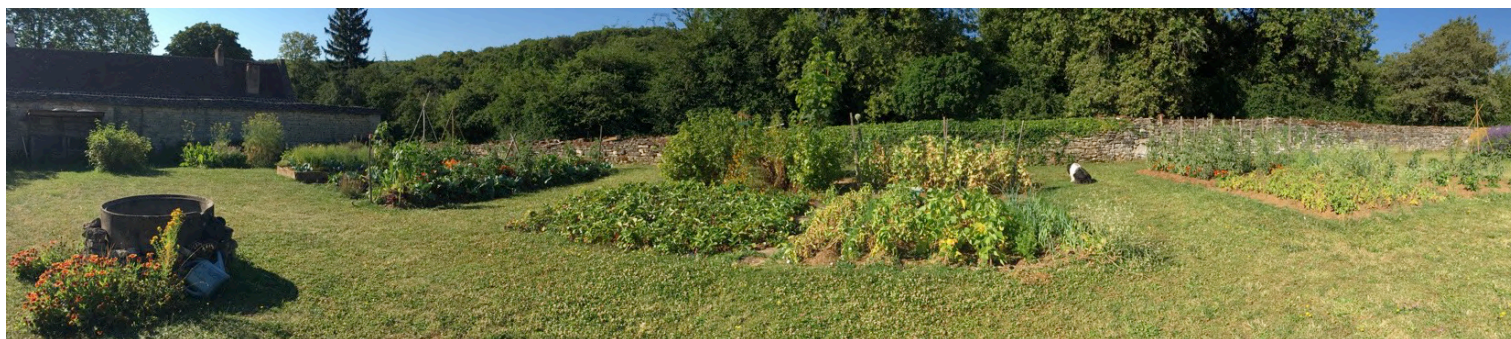
## Château de Messey

The Dumont family has been in business for more than thirty years in this idyllic castle with guest rooms located in the north of the Mâconnais. Since Patrick has been in charge of winemaking, assisted by the experienced winegrower, Frédéric Servais, a new wind has been blowing in the historic cellar. The latest vintages of the ten-hectare estate (Mâcon Cruzille and Mâcon-Chardonnay) offer high profile wines.

## Château de Messey

1. Mâcon-Cruzille  
« Clos des Avoueries »  
Monopole 2017  
90/100
2. Mâcon-Chardonnay  
« Les Crêts » 2017  
90/100





There is also an important wine tourism activity at the château, registered as a historical monument. The guest rooms and the 5 adjoining winegrower's houses can accommodate 50 people. On the menu: quietness, sauna, swimming pool, visit of the cellars or the garden in permaculture and tasting... Feel free to visit our website, follow our weekly news and photo collections on social networks or even better, visit us.



« Les maisons vigneronnes » The winegrower's houses

*Respect the soil, respect the vine, respect the grapes... Respect the wine!  
This wine is the true expression of the « terroir » it comes from.*

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