

# Mercrey 1<sup>er</sup> Cru 2020

## Elisabeth de Valois PINOT NOIR



### VINEYARD

Western part of Mercrey, a plot of Premier Cru, Climat La Bondue. The steep slope and its East/South-East facing guarantee early exposure to sunlight.

### TERROIR

Limestone clay soil, close to bedrock. Red ground, rich in iron oxide.

### VINES

Average of 35 years old Pinot Noir.

### VINIFICATION

Manual harvesting. 20 days of fermentation in open-top wooden tanks. Daily light pumping over. 100% destemmed harvest.

### AGEING

18 months of ageing in traditional Bourguignonne pièces with 50% of new oak. Malolactic fermentation started lately in spring. Bottling February 2022.

### TASTING

Coming from a cold climate, this Mercrey 1er Cru is already open and seductive. The richness of the 2020 vintage offers a real potential for ageing. Its smoky nose reveals notes of blackcurrant and blueberry.

### DRINK

2022-2035

### STORY

Elisabeth de Valois, often called Elisabeth de France, died at the age of 23, on October 3rd, 1568. Her marriage by proxy to Philip II at age 14 made her Queen of Spain, Naples and Sicily, as well as Duchess of Burgundy.