

# Mercrey 1<sup>er</sup> Cru 2017

## 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 with rigorous selection on tables. 17 days of fermentation in open-top wooden vat. Daily light pumping-over. 25 % of whole crop and 75 % of destemmed fruits.

### AGEING

12 months of ageing in traditional Bourguignonne pièces with 50 % of new oak. Malolactic fermentation started late in spring. Bottling December 2018

### TASTING

Coming from a cold climat, Mercrey 1er Cru is discreet and withdrawn in its early youth but shows a real potential of bottle aging. Its smoky nose brings also notes of blackcurrant and blueberry.

### DRINK

2020 -2025

### 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.