



MARCEL AMANCE

Hospices de Beaune

BEAUNE

Premier Cru
Appellation Beaune 1^{er} Cru Contrôlée

Cuvée Dames Hospitalières

Limited Edition
only 300 bottles available



The *Marcel Amance* brand was created by the Maufoux family, an influential Burgundian dynasty whose successive generations, from 1860 onwards, were devoted to producing great Burgundy wines.

Cyprien Maufoux, who was brother-in-law to the original Marcel Amance, was an important political figure in the Burgundy area. As Mayor of Santenay, he also played a major role in the town's expansion.

The wines in the Marcel Amance range are the fruit of this ancestral family know-how.

The Cuvée

Exclusively from premier cru vineyards **100% PINOT NOIR**, the Cuvée les Dames Hospitalières consists of three plots:

- Les Bressandes 1.06ha
- La Mignotte 1.13ha
- Les Teurons 0.55ha

History of the cuvée

Tradition holds that the Hospices auction always begins with the sale of this Cuvée, named after the nuns who cared for the sick from 1443 when the institution was founded. Originally from St Omer in northern France, these nuns completed their training at the hospice in Valenciennes, located on the current Franco-Belgian border.

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Nicolas Rolin, chancellor to the Duke of Burgundy, Philippe the Good and his wife Guigone Salin founded the Hôtel-Dieu charitable institution. The hospital received its first patient in 1452 and was in regular use until 1971. Since then, the hospital has been moved to more modern premises, even though the home for the elderly still remains there.

Vineyards and Auction

Thanks to donations and legacies made by wealthy Burgundian lords, the Hospices de Beaune has also owned a vineyard since 1471. This consists of several Premier Cru and Grand Cru plots in the Beaune and Côtes de Nuits districts, totaling 60 hectares.

Every year since 1794, on the third Sunday in November, the 41 prestigious vintages are put on sale at a traditional charity "candle auction".

The proceeds from the auction, as they have been for the last five centuries, are donated to help finance the former almshouses as well as the new hospital institutions.

This sale is considered to be the most famous in the world and traditionally serves as the international benchmark on the premium wines market.

Tasting Notes

The robe is substantial, ruby red and black.

The first nose is a basket of red fruit (cherry, raspberry and strawberry), bursting with freshness.

On the palate, the ample structure is round, strong and long-lasting like "an iron fist in a velvet glove".

This wine is highly complex but is just starting out its life... with patience its true nature will shine through within the coming years.

