



CAVE DE GORTONA Pinot Noir

Winemaker *Éric Louis*' exploration of greater Loire terroir brought him to Saint-Thibault, north of the village of Sancerre, to found Cave de Gortona. Here on the banks of the river, traces of an ancient Roman settlement point to an extensive viticultural history. Regional grapes grow on alluvial soils, just outside the Sancerre appellation boundaries, and are cared for sustainably. Cave de Gortona wines are fresh and refined and lively—offering excellent value for the quality.

WINERY: Cave de Gortona (Domaine Curot)

WINEMAKER: *Éric Louis*

ESTABLISHED: 1995

REGION: FRANCE • Loire Valley • Saint-Thibault (Sancerre)

APPELLATION: Vin de France

BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards are located on the flatlands near the Loire River, not far from the village of Saint-Thibault, north of Sancerre. Alluvial soils (a legacy of the Loire) are rich in flint, very stony and mineral.

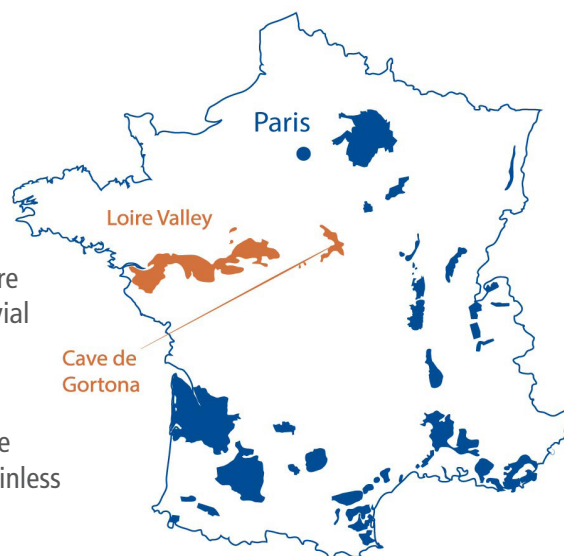
AGE OF VINES: 20 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Harvested in the early morning, when temperatures are coolest. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Aged on fine lees in tank.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of mixed cherries, red plums, light wildflowers, spice. Fresh and juicy, soft tannins; summer red berries

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: With charcuterie; grilled chicken or pork sausages; soft-rind French cheeses

NOTES: Cave de Gortona is a separate label under Domaine Curot; all wines are made in the same facility by winemaker *Éric Louis*. "Gortona" was the name of an ancient Roman settlement near Saint-Thibault.



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