



Darney

Darney-la-Vôge

we have chosen to work with one of the most renowned one of the most reputed grand crus in cooperage: Darney-la-Vôge: an Exceptional Forest® and the emblem of remarkable forestry

A team from Tonnellerie Rousseau went to the site (technicians and sales staff) supervised by ONF agents.

A Grand Cru of forestry

The Darney-La Vôge forest massif (20,000ha - Grand Est region) was awarded the Forêt d'Exception® label in 2023. Since Colbert in the XVIIth century, this label has been reserved for forests that supply the needs of the Royal Navy and the combustion furnaces of Lorraine. Only the finest quality oak sources have the potential to win this designation, and they are evaluated by their rich ecosystems that contribute to considerable growth heights of each tree.

The essence of the Darney forest is the highly-regarded "Darney oak" which represents approximately 70% of the growth. The forest is the combined result of a fertile soil and the know-how of several generations of foresters who accompanied the growth of beautiful trees

for decades and who allowed the Vosges oak to maintain the economic vocation of this forest. By alternating young and old growth, areas of reforestation or islands of aging, forest managers have gathered many assets to make this place a remarkable ecosystem over the centuries.

The landscape of Darney-La Vôge is punctuated by deep oak forests whose centuries-old and slender pillars form stunning vegetable cathedrals.

The Hexagone forest of Darney

In February 2022 a team from Tonnellerie Rousseau went to the forest of Darney for a technical visit with forest technicians from the NFB Vosges West Agency. They showed us different plots of oaks at different ages, and explained the various techniques employed to

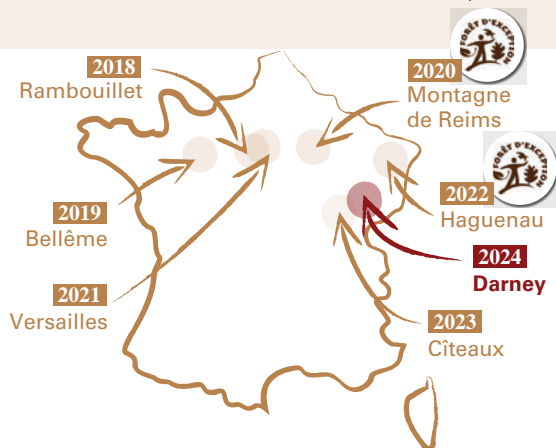
encourage a healthy wooded area.

This lot is characterized by a very tight grain thanks to the silviculture work in regular forests operated by NFB agents. On these plots, oaks and beeches compete for light, forcing the oaks to climb for light in a slower growth and therefore they develop a particularly fine grain (less than 2 mm) and very regular rings.

Aromatic description

Full of finesse and elegance, Hexagone Darney will refine your wines with its subtle and discreet aromas. Its silky and melted tannins will bring freshness and a long finish to your wines. It is recommended for longer aging (18 months and more) with toasting of your choice : L, LC, ML, M+, Forte (ML recommended).

Source : ONF



THE CONCEPT

The Hexagone Collection from Tonnellerie Rousseau was conceived in 2018 with the goal of helping you to discover the diversity of prestigious French Forests, both well-known and underrepresented.

Each year this collection offers **special barrels from different forests** in a **limited numbered series**. The goal is to showcase your most prestigious wines with the richness and diversity of the oak forests of France !

Due to the rarity of the selected oak forests, the Hexagone barrels are **only available in the 228L Burgundy format**, with either export or traditional finish.