



*Tonnellerie*  
**ROUSSEAU**



# VERSAILLES

**A FOREST OF THE KINGS OF FRANCE IN THE HONOR FOR THE NEW HEXAGON BARREL FROM THE TONNELLERIE ROUSSEAU**

**T**onnellerie Rousseau's Hexagon collection continues, for the 4th consecutive year, with an exceptional 2021 edition. Dedicated to the discovery of French forests, the range is enriched this time with a barrel made from oak wood from the Forest of Versailles. A forest of the Kings of France, just that!

After the Rambouillet barrels in 2018, Bellême in 2019 and Montagne de Reims in 2020, Tonnellerie Rousseau is taking you this year to Versailles, on the hunting grounds of the Sun King. Intimately connected to the destiny of the Palace of Versailles, it is in this forest that Louis XIII liked to hunt when he built in 1622 a hunting lodge which will become the most sumptuous of the castles in Europe, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Today in peri-urban forestry, this forest is mainly used by city dwellers as a park in which they can enjoy a walk in the great outdoors. Add to that its limited area of 1,037 hectares and you will get a lot of exceptional rarity.

Both in terms of quantity and quality. Mainly endowed with pedunculate oaks (*Quercus Robur*) and located on rich ground, this forest produces oaks of extra fine grain due to the density of the stand.







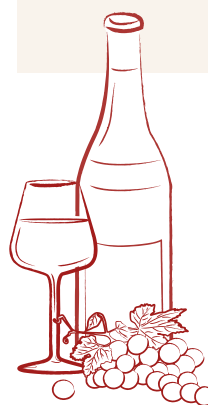
## *The Rousseau Cooperage Committed for the Reforest'action !*

After having funded in 2019 the planting of 2,000 trees on a dying plot of Ferté Vidame in Eure-et-Loir (28), Tonnellerie Rousseau repeated the experience in 2020 by reforesting a plot in Broindon (21) with 2,000 trees planted. A new Reforest'action operation is planned this year.

*« The selection of oak batches for the Hexagone collection is the result of a long-time partnership with stave suppliers, explains Frédéric Rousseau, General Manager of Tonnellerie Rousseau. For this 2021 edition, we went there with my father Jean-Marie 2 years ago! As we have to anticipate and take into account the maturing time of 2 years. The next editions are already in our stave yard. »*

To make the oak staves of this 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Hexagone collection, 250 years old oak trees were collected. Derived from the «final cut» of a plot in natural regeneration, they are the last «mother» trees used for the renewal of future generations of oaks.

Product of our artisanal cooper know-how, inspired by a unique forest terroir, the Hexagone collection aims to meet two exceptional terroirs, forest and wine, and create harmony, the perfect combination.



The Hexagone Versailles barrel will bring to the wine structure and complexity in elegance, with a subtle aromatic support. Recommended for long ageing period (18 months and more), it will be perfect for maturation of premium reds. This edition is available now in 228L, in limited edition and numbered (250 units).

### **About Tonnellerie Rousseau**

*Craftsman cooper-cask manufacturers since 1954, Tonnellerie Rousseau selects 100% French oak, to produce ranges of premium barrels from 57 to 600 liters and large formats (casks and vats). Historically established in the Côte de Nuits (21), Burgundy, this family business has been able to export its know-how to France and to wine regions around the world. Tonnellerie Rousseau, which places respect for tradition at the heart of its priorities, has over the decades become a signature of excellence, which has trained 11 Meilleur Ouvrier de France since its creation. A sign of its commitment to reliability, safety and respect for the environment, it is PEFC certified on its two production sites.*



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