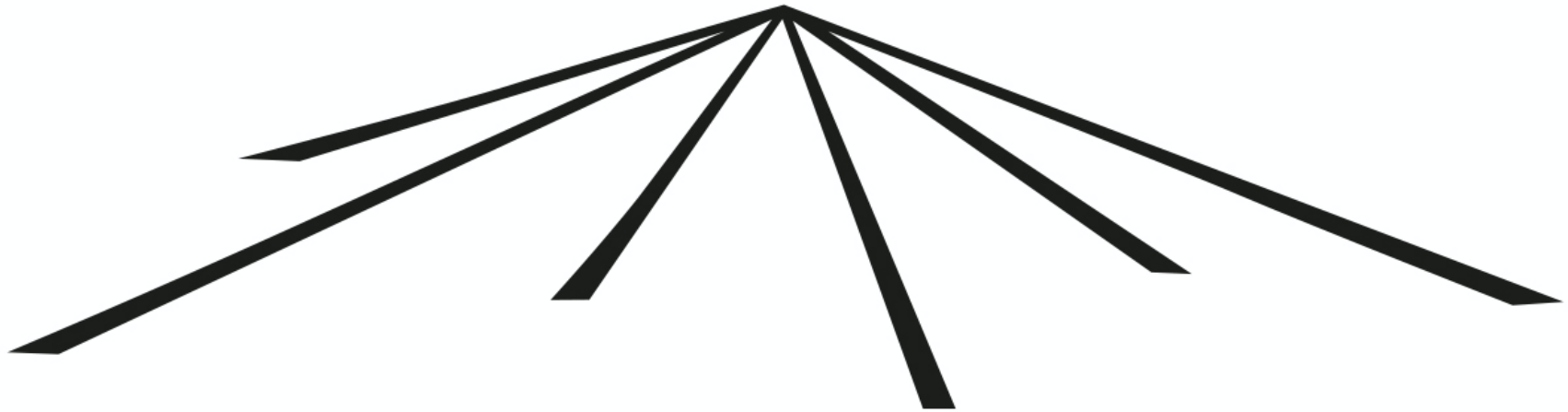
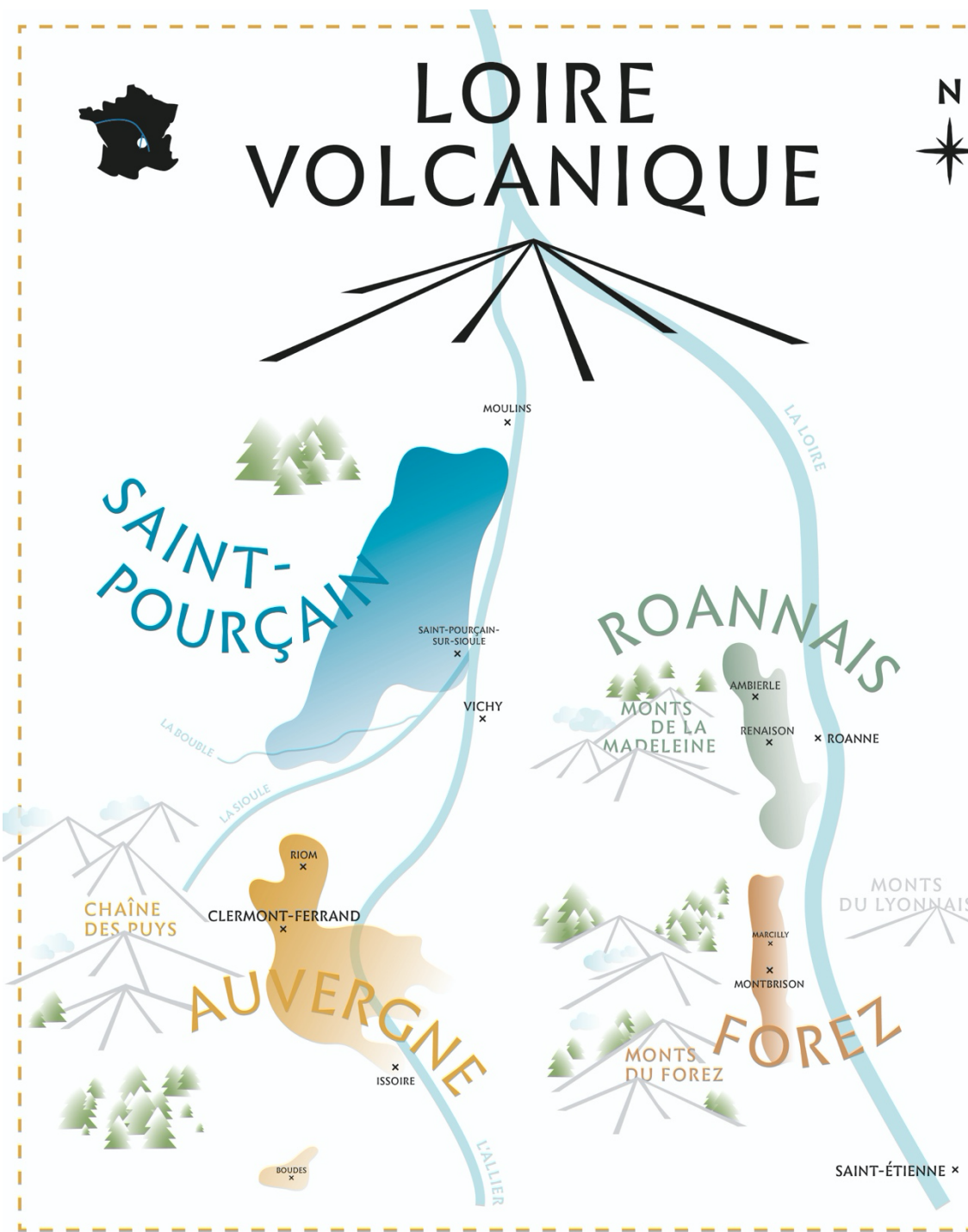


LOIRE VOLCANIQUE





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Les domaines sont classés du Nord au Sud de chacune de leur zone viticole respective.

VIGNOBLE DES CÔTES D'AUVERGNE

350 HECTARES

EN AOC: VINS ROUGES, ROSÉS, BLANCS / GAMAY, PINOT NOIR, CHARDONNAY
+ VINS EN IGP PUY DE DÔME

- Benoit Montel
- Domaine Catherine & Roland Royet
- Gilles Persilier
- Domaine des Trouillères
- Yvan Bernard
- Annie Sauvat
- Domaine Charmensat

VIGNOBLE DES CÔTES DU FOREZ

150 HECTARES

EN AOC: VINS ROUGES, ROSÉS / GAMAY
+ VINS EN IGP D'URFÉ

- Stéphanie Guillot
- Clos de Choizeux
- Cave AGAMY
- Cave Verdier Logel
- Domaine du Poyet
- Les Vins de la Madone
- Cave Vin et Pic
- Cave Réal

VIGNOBLE DE LA CÔTE ROANNAISE

215 HECTARES

EN AOC: VINS ROUGES, ROSÉS / GAMAY
+ VINS EN IGP D'URFÉ

- Domaine de la Bénisson Dieu
- Domaine des Palais
- Alain Baillon
- Domaine des Ardaillons
- Domaine Séról
- Vignoble des Blondins
- Domaine de la Paroisse
- Maison J.B. Clair
- Vincent Giraudon
- Domaine Désormière
- Thierry Bonneton
- Domaine Vial
- Le Retour aux Sources
- Domaine de la Rochette
- Domaine des Pothiers
- Clos St-Jean

VIGNOBLE DE SAINT-POURÇAIN

600 HECTARES

EN AOC: VINS ROUGES, ROSÉS, BLANCS / GAMAY, PINOT NOIR, TRESSALLIER, CHARDONNAY, SAUVIGNON
+ VINS EN IGP VAL DE LOIRE

- Domaine Gardien
- Les Terres d'Ocre
- Domaine de la Sourde
- Domaine Grosbot-Barbara
- Clos de Breuille
- Domaine des Bérioles

CONNASSEZ-VOUS ?

L'EFFET DE FOEHN

Un phénomène climatique précieux pour la vigne!



« Above all, **LOIRE VOLCANIQUE** is a group of winegrowers being friends and working together on a day-to-day basis.

They share their knowledge, lend each other tools, help one another and spend good time together...

Even if their vineyard is located in the centre of France, it is however one of the smallest and certainly one of the most secluded areas in the country. Their solidarity and mutual assistance are a matter of course here.

It also highlights a strong singularity: here we are “where the Loire river begins” ... and at the heart of the Massif central. This results in a powerful winegrowing identity with unique characteristics: a deeply rooted Loire vineyard located at a higher altitude.

The official creation of Loire Volcanique is the beginning of a great adventure: the one about winegrowers from the heart of France who decided to proudly claim their history... »





BIRTH OF A GROUP

Loire Volcanique is a non-profit association (1901 law) created 14th, November 2019 which gathers 39 winegrowers, men and women, driven by their desire to promote their exceptional terroirs from the Massif Central.

All together they represent the winegrowing areas from Auvergne, Forez, Roanne and Saint-Pourçain.

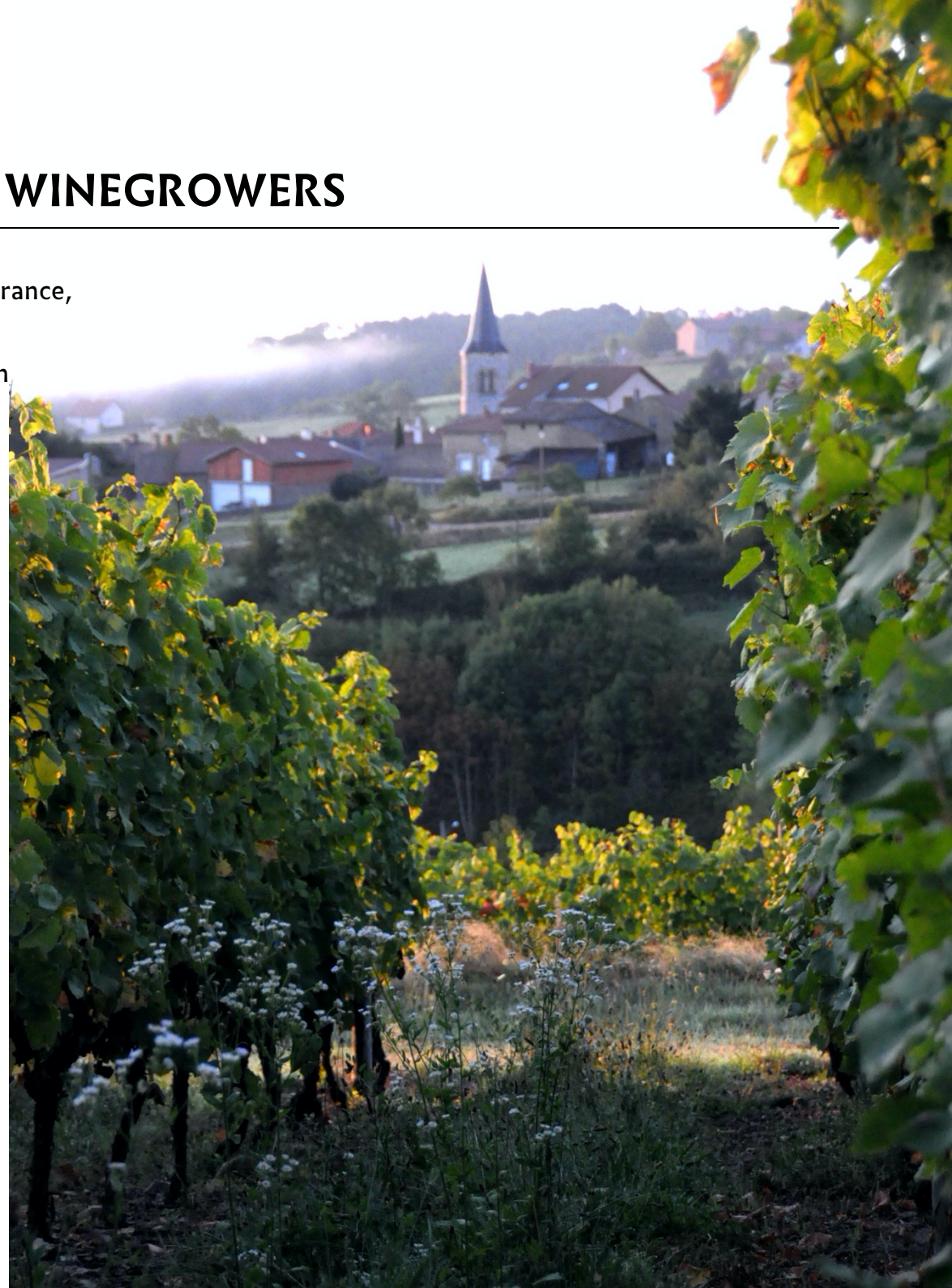
A UNIQUE STORY WITH DYNAMIC WINEGROWERS

Wines of Popes and kings, a region among the first producers in France, located between Lyon, Clermont-Ferrand and Saint Etienne, this part of the Loire region violently suffered the industrialisation and the growth of railways and expressways which competed wine deliveries by riverways.

The vineyard surface area drastically decreased, and its survival was often threatened. Indeed, these four areas are frequently missing on the maps.

But, thanks to the hard work of those passionate winegrowers, convinced of the potential of their terroirs and their wines, today the essence of each of these vineyards remains and has been protected despite a very chaotic local history.

As a sign of a renewed success, initiatives are emerging to remind us all the existence of these vineyards from the Massif Central, such as the first collective events, under the name of "Here begins Loire".



BIODIVERSITY AS A LEGACY

Apart from the historical roots, the vineyards from Loire Volcanique have cleared a way towards a polyculture philosophy. Even at the most successful time for their wines, the winegrowers from Massif Central have never developed a massive viticulture. Farms, orchards cereals ... This region always chose diversity with an almost self-sufficient agriculture.

As a result: a carved-up landscape, with vines on hillsides, meadows and woods. A place where biodiversity finds its way. It is a real asset at a time when viticulture excesses on the local landscape are pointed out.



AN EXCEPTIONNAL CLIMATE

The Loire Volcanique has a **semi-continental climate**, with cold and dry winters and hot summers, with low rainfalls.

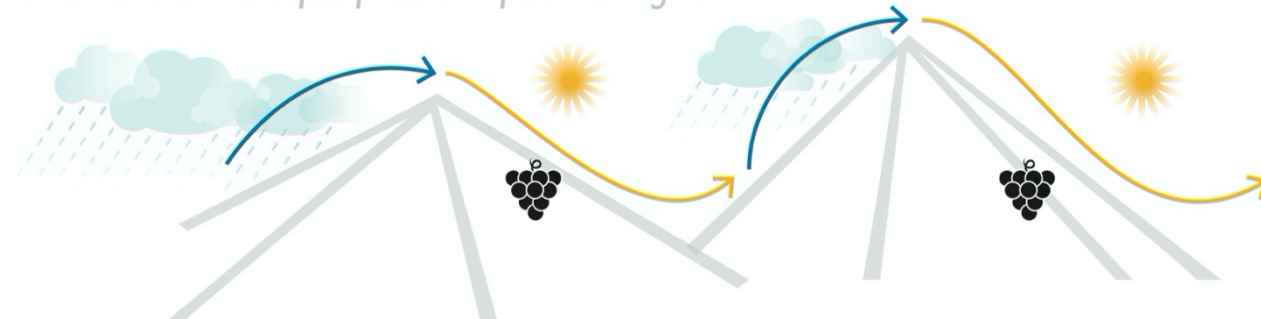
The « **Foehn effect** » is what makes this climate so exceptional: the rain coming from the ocean is mainly stopped by the Western slope of Massif Central. The air mass follows its path and turns into a warmer and drier current when it comes to the hillsides. The vineyard's position at the end of an embankment gives it an ideal sunshine exposure.

With altitudes between **200 and 600 meters high**, this climate brings an optimum maturation for the grapes and a strong resistance to global warming...

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GAMAY AS A COMMON BASIS...

GAMAY is a grape variety that all winegrowers in the Loire Volcanique have in common.

We find it in many forms, but mainly as the classical Gamay, also known as “**Gamay du Beaujolais**”, the **Gamay Saint-Romain** (winegrowers from Forez and Roannais are fighting over its origin!) or else the **Gamay d’Auvergne**.

Grown on basaltic or granitic soils, vinified into red or rosé, single grape or blended, for fruity or for ageing: the Gamay grape reveals its finesse and complexity for these terroirs.



... AND DIVERSITY AS A STRENGTH

Loire Volcanic also means an infinite diversity of grown grape varieties compared to the common grape.

Even if 80% of the vines are grown with Gamay, the 20% left are essential to get the definition of what Loire Volcanique really is: the reflection of the winegrowers' great curiosity throughout the centuries, as well as their geographical position at the junction with other prestigious vineyards.

Thus, we find other grape varieties: **TRESSALLIER** which highlights the identity of Saint-Pourçain (also known as *Sacy*); **PINOT NOIR** (also known as *Auvernat*); Chardonnay, Syrah, Pinot Gris, Aligoté, Gewurztraminer, Roussanne and so on... They are often used in the creation of wines from IGP.

GEOLOGY... AN UNDENIABLE PART OF A COMMON HISTORY

Geology is undeniably part of the History of the Loire region and its volcanic reliefs. The soils mark the identity of Loire Volcanique.

There are **volcanic rocks** with clay-limestone soils strewn with **BASALTIC** and **GRANITIC** shards on the Côtes d'Auvergne, clay-limestone and clay-gravel soils for Saint-Pourçain. You can also find magmatic rocks with an important amount of granites on the Côte Roannaise or even a mix of volcanic and sedimentary rocks for the Côtes du Forez.... They all have distinct geological features.

But, yet, we find again some similarities: the soils all have granites and/or basalts, which means that the soils have a certain level of acidity, full of water and alluviums as proofs that the river and its affluents were there before, when the riverbeds reached the Mounts of the "Chaîne des Puys".

Two million years ago, the succession of glaciation and deglaciation provoked reliefs erosion and alluvium deposit from the Loire into the valleys. There was a time when volcanos bathed in the Loire River...



LOIRE VOLCANIQUE



AUVERGNE

The "Côtes d'Auvergne" are located on both sides of Clermont-Ferrand and are 60 kms long from North to South.

Terroirs

Volcanic

(limestone clay soils with basalt and granite fragments)

AOC CÔTES D'AUVERGNE

Appellation of origin in 2011

350 HECTARES

ALTITUDE: 350-550 meters high

GRAPE VARIETIES: GAMAY + PINOT

NOIR + CHARDONNAY

BLANCS, **ROUGES** ET **ROSÉS** wines

+ 5 Crus classified : Boudes, Madargue,
Chanturgue, Chateaugay, Corent

+ PGI Puy de Dôme

MORE ABOUT CÔTES
D'AUVERGNE

LOIRE VOLCANIQUE



FOREZ

Narrow strip of 4,5kms long, the vineyard from the "Côtes du Forez" are on the first volcanic hillsides on the Massif Central.

The region has the oldest volcanos of France.

Terroirs

Volcanic(basalt, bassanite)

+ Granites

AOC CÔTE DU FOREZ

Appellation of origin in 2000

150 HECTARES

ALTITUDE 400-600 meters high

GRAPE VARIETIES: GAMAY

ROUGES ET **ROSÉS** wines

+ PGI d'Urfé

MORE ABOUT CÔTES DU FOREZ

LOIRE VOLCANIQUE



ROANNAIS

Spreads over a 25kms long hillside, the vineyard from Côte Roannaise is located next to the foothills of the "Monts de la Madeleine".

Terroirs

Volcanic (dacites, andesites)

+ Granites

AOC CÔTE ROANNAISE

Appellation of origin in 1994

215 HECTARES

ALTITUDE : 400-500 meters high

GRAPE VARIETIES: GAMAY

ROUGES ET **ROSÉS** wines

+ PGI d'Urfé

MORE ABOUT CÔTE ROANNAISE

LOIRE VOLCANIQUE



SAINT-POURÇAIN

The vineyard of Saint-Pourçain is located at the heart of the Bourbonnais bocage.

Around Saint-Pourçain-sur-Sioule and along one of the main affluents of the Loire and Allier rivers.

Terroirs

Sands from Bourbonnais – Granites

+ Limestone clay soils

AOC SAINT-POURÇAIN

Appellation of origin in 2009

600 HECTARES

ALTITUDE: 200-400 meters high

GRAPE VARIETIES: PINOT NOIR +

GAMAY + TRESSALLIER +

CHARDONNAY + SAUVIGNON

BLANCS, **ROUGES** ET **ROSÉS** wines

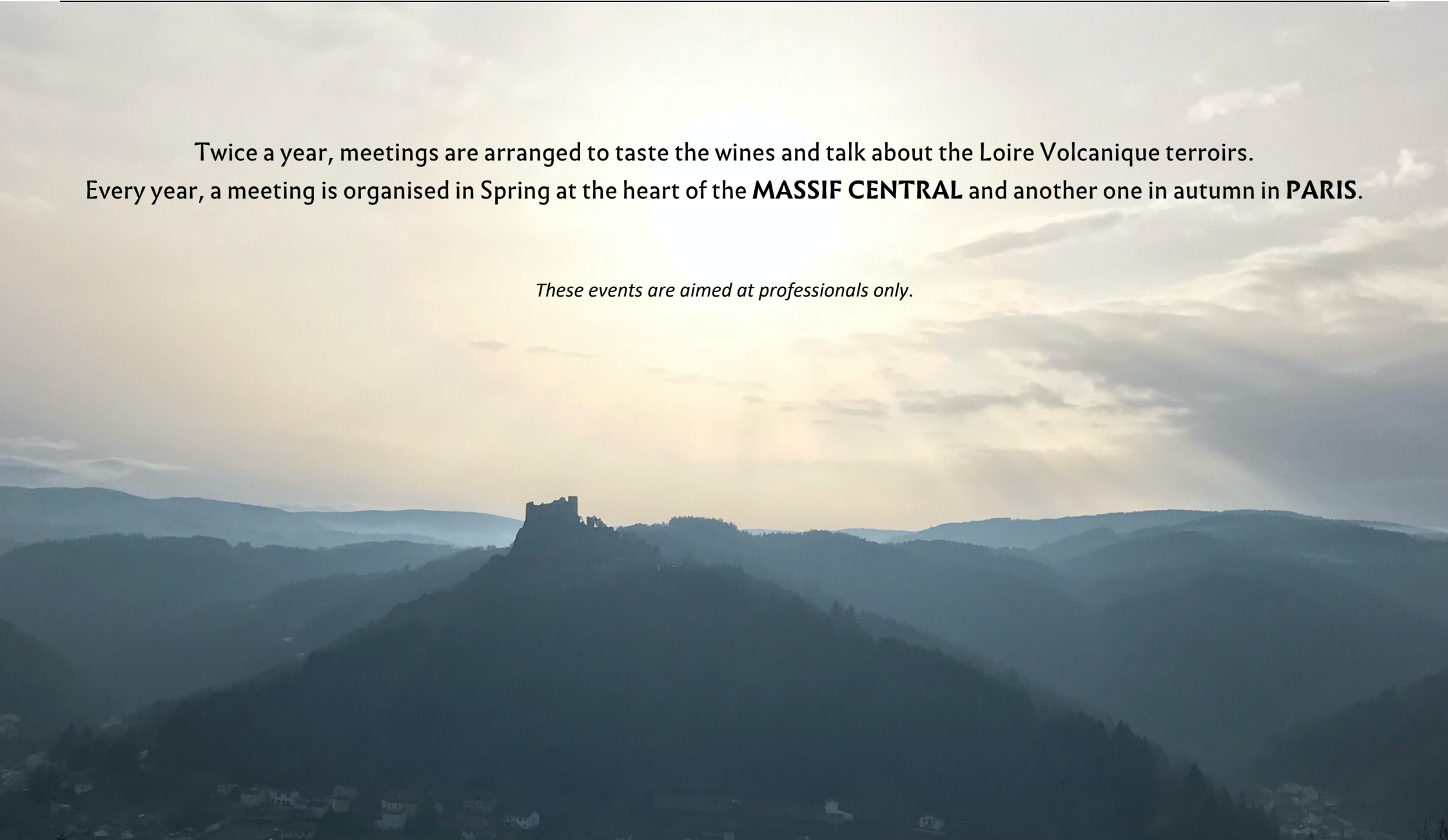
+ PGI Val de Loire.

MORE ABOUT ST-POURÇAIN

TWO ANNUAL MEETINGS

Twice a year, meetings are arranged to taste the wines and talk about the Loire Volcanique terroirs. Every year, a meeting is organised in Spring at the heart of the **MASSIF CENTRAL** and another one in autumn in **PARIS**.

These events are aimed at professionals only.



THE WINEGROWERS & THEIR VINEYARDS

AUVERGNE

- Yvan BERNARD & Audrey BALDASSIN, Les Chemins de l'Arkose
- Agnès & Samuel GATINOIS, Domaine Charmensat
- Benoît MONTEL, Domaine Benoît Montel
- Gilles PERSILIER, Domaine Gilles Persilier
- Catherine & Roland ROYET, Domaine Catherine & Roland Royet
- Annie SAUVAT, Domaine Sauvat
- Camille & Mickaël HYVERT, Domaine des Trouillères

FOREZ

- Les vigneron foréziens, Cave AGAMY
- Jean-Luc & Yves GAUMON, Le Clos de Chozieux
- Stéphanie GUILLOT, Domaine Fleur de Vigne
- Gilles BONNEFOY, Les Vins de la Madone
- Jean-François ARNAUD, Domaine du Poyet
- Stéphane RÉAL, Cave Réal
- Julie LOGEL & Maxime GILLIER, Cave Verdier Logel
- Christine & Laurent DEMEURE, Cave Vin et Pic

ROANNAIS

- Yannick PRAS, Domaine des Ardaillons
- Alain BAILLON, Domaine Alain Baillon
- Régis et Aude-Reine ANOUIL, Domaine de La Bénisson-Dieu
- Thierry BONNETON, Domaine Bonneton

- Eric & Thierry DÉSORMIÈRE, Domaine Désormière
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- Richard LAPALUE, Le Clos Saint-Jean
- Vincent GIRAUDON, Domaine Vincent Giraudon
- Lucas LAPANDERY, Domaine LAPANDERY
- Florent THINON, Domaine de Mayençat
- Yann PALAIS, Domaine des Palais
- Laetitia & Jean-Claude CHAUCESSE, Domaine de la Paroisse
- Romain PAIRE, Domaine des Pothiers
- Antoine, Alexis, Pascal & Olivier NÉRON, Domaine de la Rochette
- Carine & Stéphane SÉROL, Domaine Sérol
- Edgar PLUCHOT, Le Retour aux Sources
- Philippe & Jean-Marie VIAL, Domaine Vial
- Famille TROISGROIS et SÉROL, Le Vignoble des Blondins

SAINT-POURÇAIN

- Denis BARBARA, Domaine Grosbot-Barbara
- William TAY-PAMART & Ambroise DEMONCEAUX, Clos de Breuilly
- Florent BARICHARD, Valérie & Éric NESSON, Les Terres d'Ocre
- Jean TEISSEDRE, Sophie & Jérôme ROUX, Domaine des Bérioles
- Christophe & Olivier GARDIEN, Domaine Gardien
- Cédric et Benoît BONVIN, Domaine de la Sourde

AN ASSOCIATION BOUND TO GROW

The aim of the association is to promote the Volcanic Loire terroir with its philosophy of diversity, thus it includes all the winegrowers who wish to be part of it. Only one principle: united we stand.

In that way, every winegrower located in the Volcanic Loire area can join the collective..

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