

“ In Burgundy,
when we speak of a Climat,
we do not look up to the sky,
we keep our eyes on the ground. ”

BERNARD PIVOT

A treasure for mankind

The site of the Climats, terroirs of Burgundy, formed by Côte de Beaune, Côte de Nuits and the cities of Beaune and Dijon, is now part of the prestigious UNESCO* World Heritage List.

In July, 2015, the World Heritage Committee has opined that the **Climats** have **Outstanding Universal Value**. As such, the permanent protection of this heritage is of the highest importance to the international community as a whole. In 2017, only 42 French sites belong to the World Heritage List, of which 8 are in our Bourgogne Franche-Comté region.

*United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

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- **Apply to be** a Climats Ambassador or volunteer
- **Take part** in one of the events of our annual program
- **Become a member** of the Association
- **Ask for** your information kit
- **Help us** with a financial donation (several sponsoring levels)
- + www.climats-bourgogne.com

Bourgogne-Franche-Comté : a network of sites included in the World Heritage List

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| 1 The Climats, terroirs of Burgundy | 5b Saint-Jacques d'Asquins church |
| 2 Vézelay, its basilica and hill | 6 The fortifications of Vauban: the Citadel, Fort Griffon and the urban enclosure of Besançon |
| 3 The Cistercian Abbey of Fontenay | 7 Prehistoric Pile Dwellings around the Alps: "Grand Lac de Clairvaux" (Clairvaux-les-Lacs) and "Lac de Chalain, rive occidentale" (Doucier, Fontenu and Marigny) |
| 4 From the Great Saltworks of Salins-les-Bains to the Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Senans, the Production of Open-pan Salt | 8 The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier: the Ronchamp chapel |
| The routes of Santiago de Compostela in France : | |
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THE CLIMATS, TERROIRS OF BURGUNDY WORLD HERITAGE



DISCOVER THE CLIMATS
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2 000 YEARS
OF WINEMAKING
HISTORY

A
UNIQUE
HERITAGE

THE BIRTHPLACE
OF TERROIR-BASED
VITICULTURE



Terroirs where history meets excellence

The Climats, terroirs of Burgundy form one of the most accomplished examples of *terroir*-based viticulture, that precisely links the wine to the parcel where it is produced, thereby revealing the specific qualities of such parcel. This viticulture model, practiced in Burgundy since the Middle-Ages, was inscribed on the World Heritage List by UNESCO on July 4th, 2015.

The work of local winegrowers over 2,000 years has created a vineyard landscape that is chiseled into a mosaic of over 1,000 different *Climats*, each bearing a specific name - some of which are world-famous: Romanée-Conti, Clos de Vougeot, Montrachet, Corton... - that make Burgundy the world reference for *terroir*-based viticulture. The listed site of the *Climats* of Burgundy brings together superlative wines, a magnificent landscape and a superb architectural heritage.



Château of Clos de Vougeot

An exceptional site

An outstanding architectural heritage

The extremely rich architectural heritage built within the limits of the listed site reflects several centuries of buoyant winegrowing activity in the region. Limestone extracted in the local quarries was used to build the cities and villages, housing for vigneron, cellars, churches, and emblematic monuments such as the Hospices de Beaune, the Palais des Ducs de Bourgogne in Dijon or the Château du Clos de Vougeot. Limestone is the common subsoil of the Burgundy vineyards and was also used to build dry stone walls or “meurgers”(stone pile) around the Climats.



Illumination of a manuscript from the Abbey of Cîteaux (Municipal Library of Dijon)

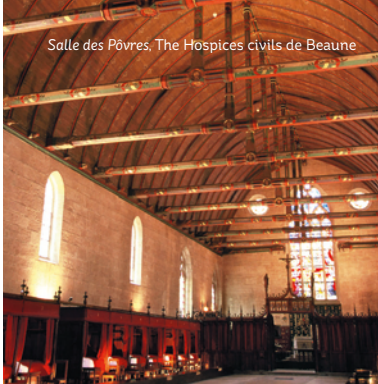
Each Climat has its own identity in the vineyards mosaic

Over several centuries, local winegrowers have gradually identified and determined the limits of each Climat. Grapes were then vinified separately for each Climat, producing a unique wine for any given parcel. 1,247 parcels became Climats when they were given a name, later protected by the Appellations d'Origine Contrôlée (A.O.C.) system (1936). Today's Burgundy is the ultimate result of this long history.

Each Climat translates into a specific wine which bears the name of the parcel where it was produced, using a single vine variety (Pinot noir for red wines and Chardonnay for white wines). Each wine has a unique set of characteristics, reflecting the Climat's geological and exposure characteristics and the winemaker's savoir-faire.

A vineyard with 2000 years of history

There is evidence of winegrowing activity in Burgundy since Gallo-Roman times. Over several centuries, mostly starting in the Middle-Ages, benedictine and cistercian monks, the Dukes of Burgundy, wine merchants and winegrowers have all contributed, in their own way, to the reputation of excellence of Burgundy wines. Perhaps more importantly, they also gradually identified the limits of the Climats, and understood the need to protect them.



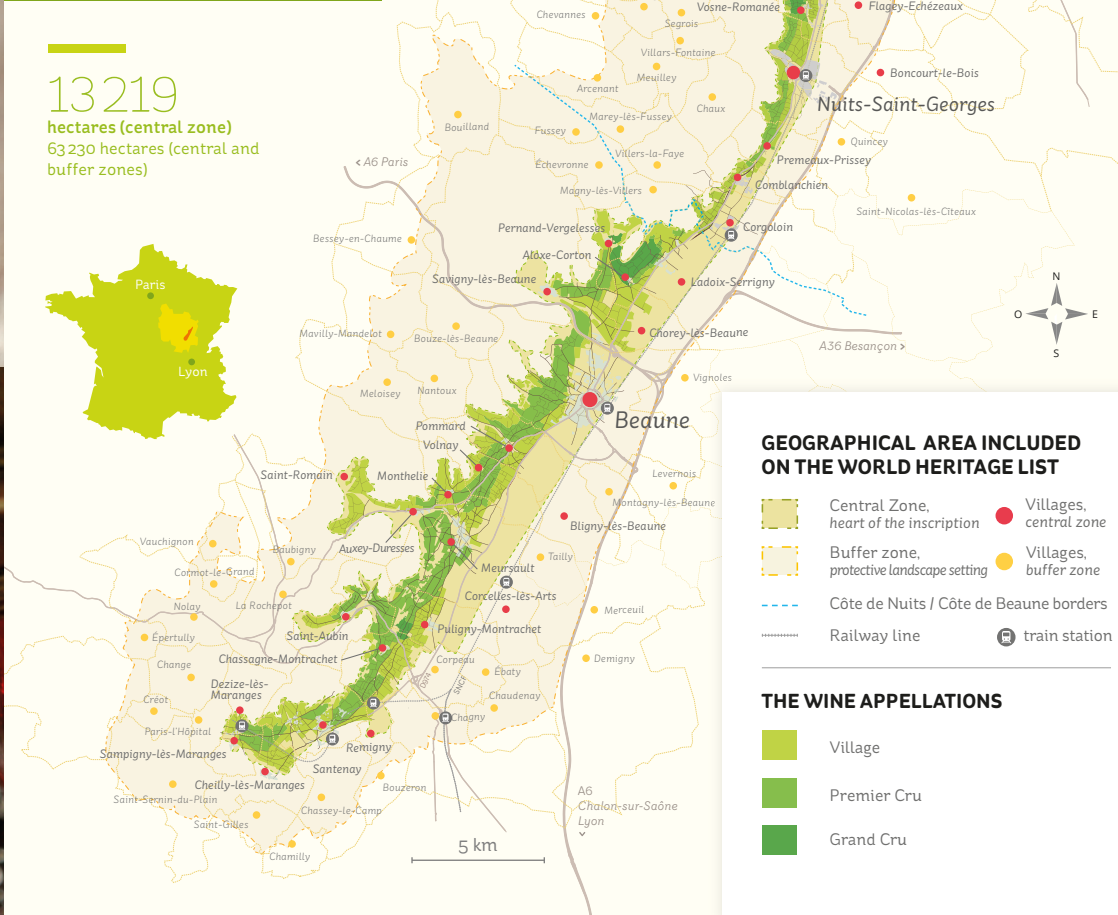
Salle des Pôvres, The Hospices civils de Beaune

What is a Climat ?

In Burgundy, the word “Climat” refers to a specific vineyard parcel whose limits have been clearly defined for centuries, and out of which a single wine is produced. Each one of the 1247 Climats has its own specific geological and geographical characteristics and produces a wine with a unique taste.

13 219

hectares (central zone)
63 230 hectares (central and buffer zones)



GEOGRAPHICAL AREA INCLUDED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

- Central Zone, heart of the inscription
- Buffer zone, protective landscape setting
- Côte de Nuits / Côte de Beaune borders
- Railway line
- Villages, central zone
- Villages, buffer zone
- train station

THE WINE APPELLATIONS

- Village
- Premier Cru
- Grand Cru

Boundaries of the World Heritage listed site

Explore and discover the listed site

The best way to visit the Climats is to leisurely travel along the small roads, on foot, by bike, on horseback or by car ... through the vineyard, stopping in the villages, the cellars and the cities.

Use our tourist guide to discover the guided visits, the walks in the vineyard or the tastings in private cellars. Check the “Balades en Bourgogne” mobile phone app ... or follow the signs “Vignobles et découvertes” and “De vignes en caves”.

Prepare your trip

+ www.burgundy-tourism.com/discover/the-climats

Explore the wine region

+ www.bourgogne-wines.com

The “Mois des Climats”

This annual event takes place between early June and early July, and offers a mix of activities to discover the World heritage site: walks, visits, exhibitions...

Discover the program

+ www.climats-bourgogne.com

Our Gouvernance body “La Mission Climats” to protect the Climats site

Mission Climats brings together in a single governing body the Association des Climats and the Conférence Territoriale (Territorial Conference). Locally elected representatives and active members of the local economy sit on the Conférence Territoriale. Mission Climats's role is to protect the authenticity of the site, to pass on its values to future generations, and to enhance its unique character. The action plan of Mission Climats includes protection, economic, touristic and cultural development measures.

