

# • FRENCH OAK •

Quercus Petraea / (Quercus Sessilis)



Open air drying between 24 and 36 months

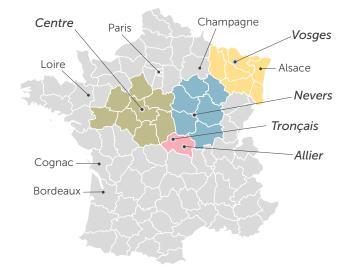
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Mature forests over 180 years old, grown with the Haute Futaie technique

## FOREST SELECTION

ALLIER	The ground is coarse clay, silica-based and not very fertile. Trunk growth is extremely vertical and regular. The grain is fine, compact and lightly porous resulting in an extraction of silky tannins and pleasant aromas.
TRONÇAIS	The best known forest from the Allier department, Tronçais has similar characteristics to Allier with a finer grain.
NEVERS	Compared to Allier, this oak has a medium grain resulting in a greater tannin extraction with undeniable quality.
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	160 L	225 L Export	225 L Château	228 L	265 L	300 L	500 L
Height (mm)	945 <u>+</u> 5	945 <u>+</u> 5	945 <u>+</u> 5	875 <u>+</u> 5	930 <u>+</u> 5	950 <u>+</u> 5	1,065 <u>+</u> 5
Head Ø (mm)	440 <u>+</u> 5	530 <u>+</u> 5	530 <u>+</u> 5	555 <u>+</u> 5	560 <u>+</u> 5	595 <u>+</u> 5	720 <u>+</u> 5
Bilge Ø (mm)	595 <u>+</u> 5	685 <u>+</u> 5	685 <u>+</u> 5	720 <u>+</u> 5	735 <u>+</u> 5	785 <u>+</u> 5	935 <u>+</u> 5
Thickness of Staves (mm)	27 <u>+</u> 2	27 <u>+</u> 2	22 <u>+</u> 2	27 <u>+</u> 2	27 <u>+</u> 2	27 <u>+</u> 2	27 <u>+</u> 2
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Bung Hole Ø (mm)	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Number of Staves (#)	26 <u>+</u> 2	30 <u>+</u> 2	30 <u>+</u> 2	30 <u>+</u> 2	32 <u>+</u> 2	34 <u>+</u> 2	40 <u>+</u> 2
Number of Hoops (#)	6	6	6	6	6	8	8
Weight (kg)	38.5 <u>+</u> 1	46 <u>+</u> 1	43 <u>+</u> 1	47 <u>+</u> 1	48 <u>+</u> 1	56 <u>+</u> 1	79 <u>+</u> 1
Contact surface	1.65/1.70 m <sup>2</sup>	2.05/2.10 m <sup>2</sup>	2.05/2.10 m <sup>2</sup>	2.09/2.15 m <sup>2</sup>	2.35/2.40 m <sup>2</sup>	2.44/2.50 m <sup>2</sup>	3.45/3.50 m <sup>2</sup>

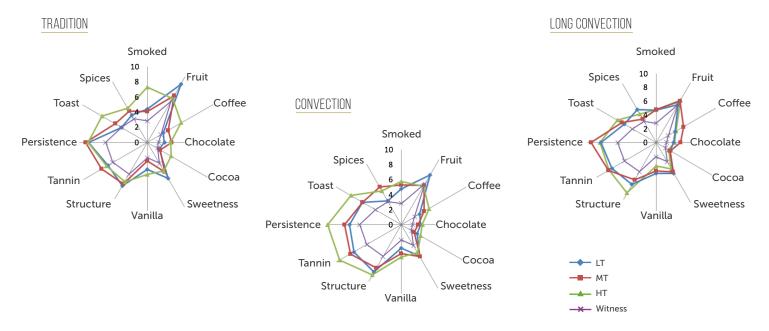
\* All our barrels include a silicone bung.

\* Please contact us for information on other formats.

\* Available upon request: Kosher and gluten-free barrels. Please contact us for conditions.

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### **SENSORY PROFILES**



## **TOASTED LINES**

#### **CONVECTION TOASTING SYSTEM**

#### Exclusive software developed and patented by TN Coopers.

By means of thermodynamic principles, instead of using temperature and time variables alone, this system works around the concept of thermal energy supply in an oven that allows the flow of hot air, controlling the temperatures through the inside of the barrels. This process achieves a slow, soft, homogeneous toast with a deeper penetration of the wood's surface. With this unique style of toasting and technical approach, our software allows us the ability to offer personalized toasting recipes based on the needs of the winemaker.

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This yields a higher proportion of certain phenolic compounds which contributes to a deeper sensation of structure in red wines, as well as providing the ability to achieve color stabilization. Both the time and temperature designed for this line contribute to a higher availability of polysaccharides from the wood that are transferred to the wine. This translates to a higher sensation of volume in the mouth.

Prolonged toasts that can go from 3 to 6 hours depending on the recipe. The gradual and balanced contribution of phenolic compounds and aromas to wines allows us to recommend this line for longer aging (more than 12 months). The strong sensation of a powerful bouquet of concentrated flavors, persistence in the finish, and aromatic potency represent iconic attributes to this line of toast.

#### **TRADITION: TOASTED BY FIRE**



This barrel owes its unique properties to an ancient French toasting process, named Chauffe à Coeur, or "heart toasted." In addition to this method, we bring some moisture to the rosette with purified hot water, warming it in a steam chamber to open its pores, and finally applying a careful refining toast. Our water-steam process facilitates bending and eliminates any resin residue. It brings complexity, tannin softness, while maintaining the fruit and sweet notes ... especially for high-end wines with a harmonic evolution.