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SAINT-VINCENT TOURNANTE 2027
THE VILLAGE OF VOLNAY, IN THE CÔTE DE BEAUNE, WILL HOST THE 83RD EDITION ON 30 AND 31 JANUARY!

As tradition dictates, Jean-François Curie, *Grand Maître* of the *Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin*, announced the venue of the next *Saint-Vincent Tournante de Bourgogne* at the close of the induction ceremony for the veteran winegrowers of the *Maranges*.
After a first edition in 1957 and a second in 1986, the village of Volnay, located in the *Côte de Beaune*, will once again host the event for its 83rd editsion. The organising committee is already hard at work preparing this major celebration, which will take place on 30 and 31 January 2027.

VOLNAY APPELLATION

Planted exclusively with Pinot Noir, this Côte de Beaune appellation in the Côte-d'Or comprises 29 Climats classified as Premier Cru. The total surface area within the appellation is 242 hectares and 34.07 ares, including 143 hectares and 96.92 ares classified as *Premier Cru*.

Perched high on the slopes of the Côte de Beaune, narrow and steep to give pride of place to the vine, Volnay lies against the small Chaignot hill, creating a gentle bend in the general orientation of the slopes, from east to south-east. This vineyard has been cultivated for centuries. The Knights of Malta, the Abbeys of Saint-Andoche in Autun and Maizières, followed by the ducal and royal estates, were harvesting these vineyards long before the French Revolution. Its distinctive character became firmly established as early as the 18th century. Red and produced from Pinot Noir, this Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée, officially recognised in 1937, is complemented by Volnay-Santenots, produced in Meursault (a neighbouring area sharing the same terroir continuity as Pinot Noir land).

(Sources: BIVB)

THE ORIGINS OF THE SAINT-VINCENT TOURNANTE DE BOURGOGNE

Each year, at the end of January, Burgundy pays tribute to *Saint Vincent*, the patron saint of winegrowers. The origins of this celebration date back to the Middle Ages, when winegrowers organised themselves into mutual aid societies to support those who, struck by illness, were no longer able to tend their vines.

In 1938, the Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin revived this tradition, giving it a festive dimension: processions of *Saint Vincent* confraternities through the villages, a religious ceremony, the induction of veteran winegrowers, and moments of wine tasting.

The event quickly became a key fixture in Burgundy's winegrowing calendar. It continues to uphold essential values of conviviality and sharing, bringing together several thousand participants each year.

TO DISCOVER AT THE CHÂTEAU DU CLOS DE VOUGEOT UNTIL MARCH 2026

A retrospective exhibition dedicated to the posters of the *Saint-Vincent Tournante de Bourgogne* is on display at the *Château du Clos de Vougeot* until 31 March 2026. From 1971 to the present day, the exhibition invites visitors to (re)discover the 54 official posters that have accompanied the regional and national promotion of this emblematic Burgundy wine event.

The entire collection of original posters is exhibited in the Cistercian Grand Cellar of the *Château du Clos de Vougeot*. Access to the exhibition is included in both self-guided and guided tours of the château.

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