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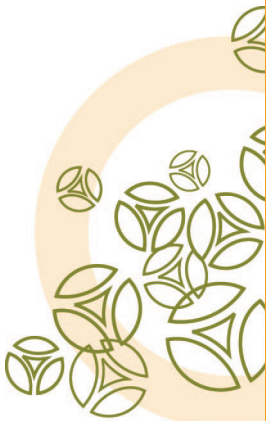
LUCIEN LARDY
FLEURIE

OVERVIEW | Lucien Lardy cultivates some of the best plots in all of Fleurie. This explains why he was amongst the first to leave the village's cooperative in order to prove the terrific potential of his parcels. Based in the outskirts of the village of Fleurie, Lucien owns 12.5 hectares of vineyards divided between the cru villages of Fleurie, Morgon and Moulin-à-Vent. Three out of his four *climats* have received a five star rating in the renowned Viviers Guide. In addition to his fruity, powerful Les Roches, Lardy produces two other reds and one white which range from light, floral, easy drinking to more powerful, and complex.

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | With vineyards dating back to 1911, the vines for his Les Roches average about 40 years of age, planted to sand and granite soils at 280 meters in elevation. M. Lardy uses the unusual type of head pruning known as "regnant au carré" to allow increased exposure to the sun and air circulation. The "cuvaision" lasts 12 to 14 days with some heating of the vats for increased extraction. The wine then matures in vat for 7 months with a very small amount being aged in barrel. The wine is given a light fining before bottling.

WINES | **Fleurie Les Roches** - M. Lardy's vineyard is located on a "lieu dit" named "Roches", so named because the bedrock comes right up to the surface giving the vines a very poor soil in which to grow. A multi-medal winner from both the Concours Général Agricole and the Concours des Grands Vins de France.

VINEYARD AREA: 6 hectares
ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 2500 cases
SOIL TYPES: sand, granite
GRAPE VARIETIES: gamay



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