## The Climats du vignoble de Bourgogne A UNESCO World Heritage Site

On 4 July 2015, the Climats du vignoble de Bourgogne were inscribed on the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage List as a "cultural landscape", i.e. "combined works of nature and humankind". The Côtes de Nuits and Beaune Climats vineyards were listed by virtue of being a model of terroir-based viticulture. The inscription also includes the cultural and heritage features marking the thousand-year history of wine-making in this area. Thus, UNESCO has recognised the culture, expertise and heritage of the wine-making villages and the historic centres of Beaune and Dijon.

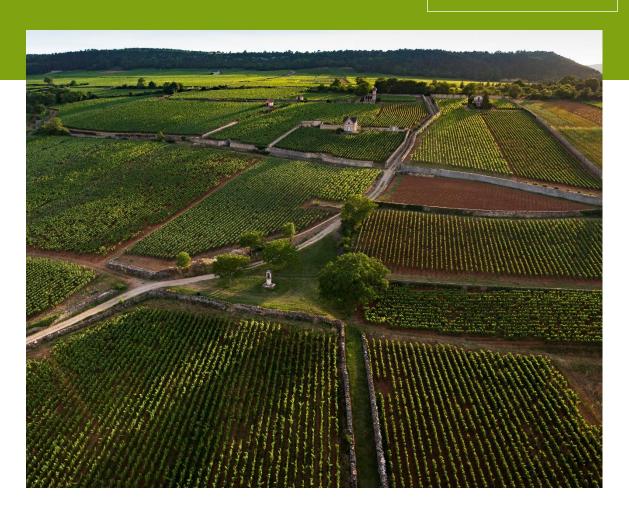
Since the inscription, our association has aimed to protect, promote and preserve this outstanding site with awareness-raising drives and a management plan in cooperation with the State, local authorities and wine professionals.





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# The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UNESCO World Heritage List inscription will be celebrated throughout 2025.

The year will vibrate with the colours of the Climats! The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Climats du vignoble de Bourgogne's listing as a World Heritage Site will climax with a major popular event on 4 July 2025. However, a whole year of celebrations from Dijon to Les Maranges, south of Beaune, is being planned.

Celebrating the  $10^{\rm th}$  anniversary of the Climats du vignoble de Bourgogne's inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List will highlight their diversity, showcase their landscapes, heritage and thousand-year history and honour the talent and skills of the people who are the beating heart of the vineyards, villages and towns that make up this unique living landscape.

## **FOUR EVENTS: SAVE**

#### THE DATE

#### **22 May**

#### A major teaching day bringing together over 600 pupils at the Château du Clos de Vougeot

A new educational programme for schoolchildren will begin in 2025, including the "Regard sur les Climats" project offered to students in classes ranging from primary to high school. Ten winning classes will be asked to present their projects to other pupils who will enjoy a day of workshops and games to explore the Climats du vignoble de Bourgogne and the World Heritage.

#### 2 May to 6 July

### A special 10th anniversary Mois du Climat Festival

Every year since 2016, the Mois des Climats (Climats Month) festival has offered a packed programme of over 80 original events to celebrate the diversity of the Climats vignoble de Bourgogne, World Heritage Site. They include themed wine tastings, vineyard walks, guided tours (sometimes given by role-playing costumed characters), landscape readings, exhibitions, shows and family workshops. Small groups and prices under €25 ensure that a wide range of visitors, from connoisseurs to the simply curious, enjoy authentic interactions with winemakers and speakers. Over 5,000 people took part in 2024. It's the perfect opportunity to explore the Climats off the beaten track!

> Full programme in April 2025 at www.climats-bourgogne.com

# About 30 events will take place from January to December

at the major landmarks and towns, at vineyards and villages, and at sites known only to locals. Performances, talks, offbeat tours, hikes, festive and gastronomic events, workshops for young and old, art exhibitions, city walks and many surprises are in store.

The full programme is coming out soon. Emblematic sites such as the Hospices de Beaune, the Château du Clos de Vougeot and La Karrière, the towns of Beaune, Dijon, Gevrey-Chambertin and Nuits-Saint-Georges and the wineries will take part.

The festivities will begin with the Saint-Vincent Tournante in Ladoix on 25 and 26 January.



# A poetic event will bring people together from 4 pm to midnight on 4 July,

#### the anniversary date.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to mobilise, share, celebrate, re-enchant, give thanks, reveal, promote, celebrate and highlight the rich diversity of the World Heritage site's exceptional vineyards, outstanding landscapes and historic heritage. The programme, currently in development, will plunge visitors into the heart of the listed vineyards with an immersive route, a festive food village, an introductory tasting, a night show, a dance and many other activities.

#### In autumn

#### An international scientific and technical conference

The three-day symposium will be an opportunity to assess 10 years of scientific and technical research on the Climats and its vineyards, discuss the region's World Heritage management excellence model and share our experiences of different agricultural models with other sites around the world. The plenary sessions and field visits promise to be exciting. They are being planned in partnership with the UNESCO Chair in Culture and Winegrowing Traditions.





#### A very busy year

Over 30 upcoming events and as many reasons to enjoy a stay in Burgundy

▲ Along the Route des Grands Crus, from Dijon to the Maranges, via the Hautes-Côtes

▲ Meet winegrowers, craftsmen and passionate locals

▲ Explore a living site, a mixture of vineyards and heritage, nature and history, epicurean delights and the art of living.









## FOUR MAJOR PROJECTS IN

# TO PROTECT, PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE CLIMATS WORLD HERITAGE SITE

#### **SCHOOLS**

## AN AMBITIOUS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME for students from nursery school to university level

A new educational programme has just been launched to develop original, lively projects for each class or school. In September, an education coordinator joined the association's team to raise young children's awareness of the Climats' rich heritage. All year, she will offer schools innovative teaching aids in line with the curricula as well as activities for classes from nursery to high school, such as workshops and field trips.

To mark the  $10^{th}$  anniversary, around 100 schools have received a **call for projects entitled "Regards sur les Climats"** aimed at primary and middle school students. The 10 creative projects selected will be supported throughout the school year and presented on 22 May 2025 at an event attended by all the students involved.

#### **PRESERVATION**

#### CONTINUING TO RESTORE OUR WINEGROWING HERITAGE

Low walls, stone huts, enclosure gates, stairways and roadside crosses all contribute to the landscape identity of the Climats vignoble de Bourgogne. The 220 km of low walls that delineate the Climats are useful for growing vines, keeping the soil alive and fighting erosion. When made of dry stone, they provide shelter for plants and wildlife. In seven years, the Fonds Patrimoine (Heritage Fund) has backed over 250 projects, restored 7.5 km of stone walls and 16 huts and trained more than 270 winegrowing and winemaking students. Supported by international donors with a passion for heritage, the fund provides up to 50% of the cost of work on selected projects, with a maximum of €25,000 per project.

#### RESEARCH

#### **REVEALING THE HISTORY OF EACH VILLAGE in 40 monographs**

Every village tells its own story. Research on the vineyards, geology, heritage, legends and people of the Climats aims to gather a range of data from a variety of sources in order to produce a resource document for each of the 40 villages and towns. Funded by the DRAC and overseen by a dedicated scientific committee, the work will result in books and presentations to the public.

#### A WINE CELLAR INVENTORY

#### A HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH PROGRAMME

After an experiment at the Hospices de Beaune on geo-referencing and 3D modelling of wine cellars, the aim now is to enhance the surveys with historical and archival data. A research programme under the supervision of a doctoral student will be launched to better understand and maintain this outstanding heritage.























