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Dear Forge de Laguiole enthusiasts,

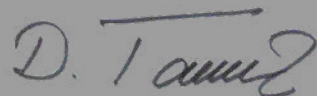
People often talk about tradition - and we are no exception. But a closer look shows that it does not do justice to our work here at the Laguiole forge when we talk about preserving the tradition of this region. Rather, it is the heritage that we carry on here every day.

The small but crucial difference: we at Forge de Laguiole do not stand still. We take what has been and translate it into the modern age. We optimise, change, create something new - without losing what makes these iconic knives stand out. That is Forge de Laguiole.

That is why I am very pleased to present you with a wide range of topics in this issue, which shows how multi-layered the world of Laguiole knives and especially our Forge de Laguiole is.

Enjoy reading!

Derek Tanner  
CEO

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Private Sale

# Because your wine deserves perfection

The Forge de Laguiole Sommelier knife is one of the classics and flagships of our production. And there are good reasons for this. As a FORGE subscriber, you receive an exclusive 10% discount on our sommelier knife with juniper handle.



**What is perfection?** What distinguishes a good sommelier knife from one that guarantees perfection? Is it the materials used, which are selected according to the highest standards? Is it the shape, which is incomparably gentle in the hand? Is it the robustness of the steel that gives you confidence? Or is it the pure functionality? The answer from our forge: it's a little bit of everything and a little bit more.

Our Forge de Laguiole Sommelier knife is our definition of perfection. Made in collaboration with professional sommeliers, it is more than just a tool - it combines ergonomics, elegance and efficiency. The conical spiral of the corkscrew, with 5 turns, optimises its functionality, even for the sometimes slightly fragile corks of the finest vintage wines.





The lever, whose operating principle is patented, is forged from heated steel, making it very resistant and able to withstand intensive use.

A Forge de Laguiole Sommelier knife is more than a corkscrew with which you open a wine. It celebrates and cherishes the special moment you share with your loved ones.

**As a FORGE subscriber, you can get 10% off our Juniper-handled Sommelier Knife in our Private Sale in our online shop with the code **Juniper10**. Valid until 30 November. While stocks last.**

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Forge Service

# Our handle materials. A guide.

Our forge stands for diversity and individuality. That is why we offer you a wide range of different handle materials. But which handle suits me? An overview.









**Olive.** Our olive wood is handpicked in the Pic Saint Loup region (Hérault). Each piece is carefully taken from a part of the tree so as not to cut it down. This dense and resistant natural material, with its more or less numerous irregular grains, makes each knife unique.

**Symbolism.** Goddess Athena touched the earth and made an olive tree grow. This mythical tree has always been sacred to mankind and was cultivated as a useful plant as early as the 4th millennium BC. Its oil-rich and nutritious fruits make it a symbol of health and prosperity. The olive tree is one of the longest-lived trees in Europe. It can grow up to 2000 years old. With its short, gnarled trunk, it has a stocky shape, full of grace and dignity. It grows slowly, proves to be frugal and transplantable, but needs a lot of light and sun.

PEACE, LONGEVITY, WISDOM

**Juniper.** This sometimes more sometimes less speckled wood comes from the mountains of the Pic Saint Loup (France), where it is carefully selected. A special feature is the woody and peppery smell of this precious wood, which the knife retains.

**Symbolism.** Juniper plays a magical role in many legends and fairy tales. Even the ancient Romans attributed an important meaning to it. Among the ancient Germanic tribes, it was regarded as a sacred tree of life, which, as an evergreen plant, was a symbol of fertility, health and eternal life.

HEALTH, FERTILITY, LUCK



**Barrel oak.** We source our barrique wood from France, in which various red wines matured for several years. The handle is adjusted and shaped with the utmost care to preserve the wine's tannins and bordeaux tones.

**Symbolism.** The oak is considered the king of the forest and it is said that oak wood gives good luck. It symbolises wisdom and truth and in folklore it is said that one should embrace an oak tree when seeking an answer to a question. In a dream, you will soon receive the answer.

In addition, it also symbolises endurance and high esteem, it stands for life, for strength and loyalty.



**STRENGTH, LOYALTY, ENDURANCE**



**Pistachio.** Our pistachio wood comes from the South of France, where it is selected as part of sustainable forestry. This more or less grained wood can have very different shades, from off-white to green.

**Symbolism.** In China, for example, the pistachio is called the "happy nut" because it looks as if it is smiling. It is considered a symbol of health, luck and wealth and is very popular as a gift for Chinese New Year. Pistachio trees are among the oldest flowering cultivated plants, call the Middle East home and can live up to 300 years.

**WISDOM, JOY**



**Ebony.** Ebony is a precious wood of which only the heartwood of the ebony tree, which grows in tropical regions, is used.

Its main characteristics are its almost black colour and its high density.

**Symbolism.** In mythology, sorcery and esotericism, ebony is often ascribed a magical effect. Houses with ebony posts, for example, are said not to be entered by evil spirits, or weapons made of ebony are said to be able to wound demons. Magic wands are also often made of ebony, and magical objects should also be kept in ebony caskets to retain their power.

**PROTECTION, LUCK, PURITY**

**Thuja.** The Thuja grows in the Atlas Mountains in Morocco. It is a rare, aromatic and dense wood that is unique among all other types of exotic woods. Thuja is a wood with varying degrees of mottling, which makes each knife model unique.

**Symbolism.** Thuja is also called the "tree of life". In Celtic mythology, as well as among the Mayans, Egyptians and Chinese, the tree of life plays a special role. It stood for wisdom, strength, longevity and rebirth. But the people talk about a "tree of life" in the Old Testament of Christianity, and it is even mentioned in the Koran of Islam. In the story of creation, Adam and Eve were forbidden to taste the fruit of the tree in the Garden of Eden, which was supposed to provide endless life.



**VITALITY, ETERNAL LIFE**

**Bone.** Bone has been used for thousands of years to make all kinds of objects and offers both mechanical and aesthetic properties. As cattle bones are a natural and porous material, they may not be uniformly white.

**Symbolism.** Animal bones are among the oldest raw materials used by man to make tools and implements such as needles and awls. Relatively well-preserved or reconstructable flutes with finger holes have been discovered in the Geissenklösterle cave, dating back nearly 35,000 years.



**Deer Antler.** The handle of this knife was made from the antlers of French stags and emphasises the often dark and rough exterior of the antlers. Stags shed their antlers naturally every year after the rut.

**Symbolism.** Among the Celts, the stag was a manifestation of the god Cernunnos, depicted with horns, or also a symbol of the hunter god Coudin and Ossaïans. In many cases the stag or the antlers were regarded as a fertility symbol - branching and multiplication of life (in the antlers).

**AUTORITE, FORCE, FECONDITE**





**Horn.** For this knife, Forge de Laguiole uses only the part from the tip of the horn (the full part of the horn). The diversity of this material makes each knife a unique object.

**Symbolism.** The cow horn has been polished to a high gloss and is a symbol of myth and history, adventure and success, prosperity, down-to-earthness, and above all, celebrated togetherness. The horn, following its meaning in the animal kingdom, is also a symbol of strength and power.

**POWER, STRENGTH, SPEED**

**Aubrac horn.** The handle of this Laguiole comes, as originally, from the horns of cows from Aubrac. The horns that make up the handle of our knives come from local cattle breeding. This material is an expression of the strength of the Aubrac region and gives the knife a rustic and traditional side.

**Symbolism.** The defining landscape of Aubrac is a basaltic plateau in the north-west of the Lozère department, criss-crossed by rivers and lakes. But above all, it is our home. Rough but beautiful. Natural. Genuine.

**POWER, VIRILITY, AUTHENTICITY**



From Laguiole. For the world.

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