

**Jean Le Calvez, the Trégorrois from Ploulec'h, has died of Covid-19 at the age of 94. He created the vineyard of Château Coupe-Roses in the Hérault.**

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### A Trégorroise story



*Jean Le Calvez and daughter Françoise*

Settled in Hérault, the man remained attached to Trégor and returned every year to his house in Ploulec'h, which his family maintains. He even planted a few vines there a few years ago.

#### From Indochina to Minervois

The story is not trivial. Originally from Plouaret, he joined the army in 1946 to learn the trade of a mechanic and found himself embarked in Indochina. After his demobilization, he wanted to get to know his war pen pal.

He visited her in the heights of the Minervois and fell in love. He first set up as a garage owner in La Caunette. His wife was a winegrower's daughter in the village. He then became involved in the winegrowing. Thus was born the adventure of Château Coupe-Roses.

#### Prizes and medals

The Breton wasted no time in receiving awards and medals for the quality of his wines. "He is one of those who innovated and gave his nobility to the wines of Minervois, to the point of having been included, quite Breton though he was, within the appellation's management committee," said Fanch Broudig, former journalist and family friend.

#### A strong personality

Jean Le Calvez had a strong personality, but he never failed to return to Brittany to Ploulec'h to his house. His daughter, Françoise Frissant-Le Calvez, further developed the estate. His



*Françoise Le Calvez with husband Pascal Frissant and children Sarah and Mathias*

grandchildren, Sarah and Mathias, both oenologists, continue the line today.

Twice a year, they organize Minervois Coupe-Roses Discovery Days in Ploulec'h.

He retained a rare quality of expression in his first language, and he always appreciated being addressed in Breton.