

Viaduc district

The viaduc district, at the entry of Moirans, is built along the Grenoble-Lyon railway line and the old Lyon-to-Antibes road, via Grenoble and Gap, that passed through the village.

The factories (fabric, paper, tiles), all located in the town centre until the 1950s, had incredibly tall chimneys.

The road into town passed under an impressive railway viaduct, made from Sassenage stone and bricks. The road deviation, created in 1939, was reorganised for the Grenoble Winter Olympic Games in 1968.

Marius Chorot (Mayor from 1905 and 1929 and in 1935), along with his brother Séraphin, owned a wine and liquor factory, which was founded in 1864. They created Kina and Vraikina, liqueurs made from wine and cinchona. These products became famous and were presented at the 1900 Paris Exposition.

The Debernardy tile factory, producing tiles and bricks, and a second factory on Route de la Gare provided employment for many male and female workers in their workshops near the clay quarries.

There was a gas plant opposite the tile factories (*les tuileries*). Every evening, right up until the 1940s, a company employee equipped with a long pole would light the town's gas lamps. Although more modern than the original oil lamps, the gas lights were gradually replaced by electric bulbs.

A free community, "commune du viaduc", organised activities and festivities in this district in the 1950s.

The gendarmerie moved into premises at the town entrance in 1972 and, ten years later, a fire station was built on the site of the Debernardy tile factories.

