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## FRENCH ALPS COL D'IZOARD

The sharp variations in gradient of this 'hors' category col have produced some of the most dramatic stages of the Tour de France, notably between Louison Bobet and Fausto Coppi from 1949-54. We are on the first steep hairpins above Brunissard (Helen riding the Trek mentioned on p68). The real drama waits far above this valley, where pines yield to the scree and spires of the Casse Déserte. Here the road dips, losing 20m of altitude, then kicks up again at 14% for the 2,361m summit. **Chris Juden**

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