



CHÂTEAU DES JACQUES

MOULIN - À - VENT

Clos des Thorins

2019



Region

Beaujolais

Appellation

Moulin à Vent "Clos des Thorins"

Features

Here the Gamay vines are spread out over richer, deeper granitic soils and the full-south exposure is optimal. This is the emblematic lieu-dit of Romanèche-Thorins - indeed, it even gave it part of its name (following in the footsteps of the greatest climats of Burgundy).

Vinification

Picked and sorted by hand, then mainly de-stemmed, the grapes macerate slowly over the course of three or four weeks. Indigenous yeasts are used throughout the fermentation period, and extraction by means of both plunging and pumping over takes place on a regular basis.

Winemaking and bottling

The wines are aged in our historic cellar for 10 months, a period spent in oak barrels, both old and new. The oak used to make the barrels comes from the forests of Alliers, the Limousin and the Nivernais.

Vintage

This was a year of paradoxes, one in which the delicacy of texture and sheer deliciousness of the wines do not reveal how challenging this growing season has been for both the vineyards and the growers.

The worries started with one of the mildest winters since the start of the 20th Century which triggered a very cautious awakening of the vines at the end of March. For the first time in decades, frosts hit Beaujolais early April. The vineyards planted on the lower slopes of Morgon and Moulin-à-Vent, and our Clos de Loyse Chardonnays were the most affected, with nearly 70% of losses. April conditions were cool and rainy which helped to replenish the water table to a level compensating for the coming dry month of May.

From then, heat and drought conditions established in Beaujolais. Without the necessary water reserves, our granitic soils put the gamay vines to the test, and the heavy rains that fell towards the end of August brought true relief to the vineyards.

With cool temperatures and stormy conditions concerns arose for the health of the bunches and risks of hails. Salvation arrived towards the end of August and the beginning of September with the return of sunny, warm and dry weather, ideal conditions in which to ripen the grapes. On the 20th of September, picking began in Carquelin and Champ de Cour, and finished three weeks later on the heights of Corcelette.



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Tasting / Food pairing

This wine typically reveals fleshy fruit, weight and substance. It's the perfect match for hearty flavours: try it with game, charcuterie or strongly flavoured cheeses.

Preservation

The wine needs two or three years to reach its harmony, and can then age comfortably for several decades.

