



FLEURIE

2020

Color / Grapes

Red/Gamay

Region

Beaujolais

Appellation

Fleurie

Features

This wine is a blend made from the great parcels owned within the appellation by the Château des Jacques, namely Bel Air, Grille-Midi and Cercillon. They are located at an altitude above 300 m on a winding place. The pink granite varies from one vineyard parcel to another (depth and alteration), lending the wine complexity.

Vinification

Picked and sorted by hand, then often de-stemmed, the grapes macerate slowly over the course of three or four weeks. Both pigeage and pumping over take place at different stages of the fermentation according to the vintage profile.

Winemaking and bottling

The wines are aged for 10 months in concrete tanks and in oak barrels, in our historic cellar dating back to the XVIIth century. The oak used to make the barrels comes from the forests of Allier, Limousin and Nivernais.

Vintage

Winter 2020 is the warmest since the beginning of the XXth century, as a result, while the world enters into lockdown in March, the vine is awakening early. The following spring is equally warm until a cooler phase at the end of May as vine flowers are blooming. The weather got cooler in June with a few rains giving the vines a welcomed rest. Veraison takes place mid-July, rains disappear and temperatures are soaring to an overwhelming heat and an exceptional sunlight. Initially planned for the 24th of August the harvest started on the 21st, breaking an all-time record for the domaine. For having put the whole planet on hold, 2020 will make history, for Château des Jacques it will be remembered for its extraordinary character. Thanks however to our viticulture methods, and a careful vinification, 2020 is only theoretically a hot vintage, as in the wines nothing seems to show these extreme weather events: the wines' appearance are bright and beautiful, the palate mouth filling and fruity, and tannins are structured but silky.

Tasting / Food pairing

With a beautiful deep cherry colour, red fruits flesh and flowers aromas, this Fleurie is rich, delicate and smooth. It is a very lush and voluptuous wine.





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Preservation

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

