



CHÂTEAU DES JACQUES

MOULIN - À - VENT

Le Moulin

2019

Color / Grapes

Red/Gamay

Region

Beaujolais

Appellation

Moulin-à-Vent "Le Moulin"

Features

This little island of vines, around 20 acres in size, is located in the shadow of the appellation's namesake windmill, and planted on an outcrop of bedrock exposed to the east - an ideal situation when it comes to addressing the challenges of climate change. Planted after the war, these old bush vine Gamays are among the oldest owned by the Château des Jacques. Their roots dig deep into relatively generous soils that are rich in quartz, lending the wines great richness and energy.

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 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, Limousin and 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 precocious 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 arouse 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,





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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.

Tasting / Food pairing

This wine is opulent and generous, but always very fresh. It is complex and is therefore able to match a large choice of food : meat, cheese, vegetables etc ...

Preservation

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

