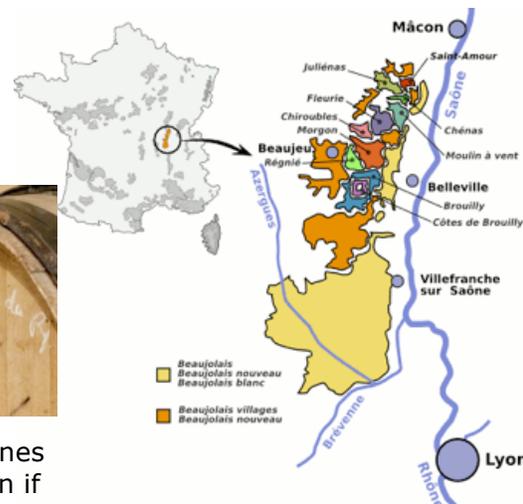




# DOMAINE DE LA BONNE TONNE BEAUJOLAIS BLANC 2015



The production of Beaujolais Blanc is a rarity; of the 25,400 acres of vines planted in the region only 500 acres are dedicated to white wines. Even if it represents only 2% of the surface, Beaujolais Blanc can display two specific profiles. There is the chalky soil of the South which reveals a fruity character, or the schistose and granitic soils of the North, where you find most of the Cru. It is here that the Chardonnay shows its great depth.

Marcel Grillet is the 6<sup>th</sup> generation to run the family estate, with his son Aurélien. They converted their 15 acres to organic certification in 2003. Along with using only natural fertilizer, they use "Caline", their horse, to plow the land as done in ancient practices. The cohesive relation between the horse and the vine is the basic of their traditional farming leading them step-by-step to a full biodynamic viticulture.

## SOIL TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

A single south-east oriented plot of 1.25 acres made of Clay and schist. It is located in the lieu-dit "Pizay" in the village of Saint Jean D'Ardières, east of Morgon.

## VARIETAL \_\_\_\_\_

100% Chardonnay.

## CULTURE \_\_\_\_\_

Certified organic since 2006 (Ecocert) and certified Biodynamic culture (Demeter) since the vintage 2013.  
Working of the soil with their horse "Caline"  
Use of organic fertilizer and biodynamic preparations exclusively.  
Harvest by hand in small 50lb cases.

## VINIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

Long and slow fermentation in stainless steel vats. No malolactic.  
Ageing in old French oak barrels during 8 months. Light filtration

## TASTING NOTES \_\_\_\_\_

The nose is open and expressive. Dominant notes of peach, apricot, and toasted almonds. The mouth is fleshy and round with a nice intensity of fruit. The finish is crisp since the malo is not made and the mineral notes offer a very delicate persistence.

"Cru" of the Beaujolais available:

- Brouilly, Les Frères Perroud*
- Moulin à Vent, Richard Rottiers*
- Morgon "Côte de Py" & "Les Charmes", Marcel Grillet*
- Juliéna and Chénas, Pascal Aufranc*
- Fleurie "Le Vivier", Yohan Lardy*

