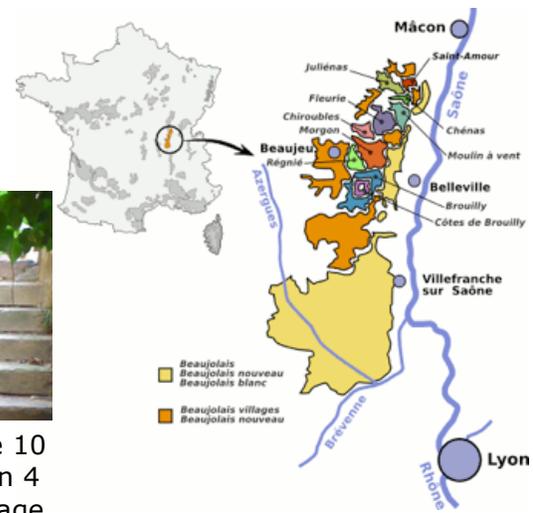




PASCAL AUFRANC "LES CERISIERS"

JULIÉNAS 2016

"CRU DU BEAUJOLAIS"



Juliéнас is, with Saint-Amour, the northernmost appellation among the 10 "Crus" of the Beaujolais wine region. Juliéнас wines can be produced in 4 different villages covering 1,400 acres total. Legend says, that this village owes its name to Julius Caesar, vines being planted in the area since the roman time more than 2,000 years ago.

In his peaceful stone house overlooking the valley, young vintner Pascal Aufranc is all about patience and observation of the biodiversity. The isolation of his vineyard, surrounded by woods and fields, allows him to favor environment friendly practices in order to let his Terroir speak. The name "Les Cerisiers", which means Cherry tree, have been given by Pascal, due to numerous of these trees growing around the plot.

SOIL TYPE _____

Clay, sand and silica.
A single south-east oriented 6 acres plot called "Les Crots".
Elevation of 1,100 feet.

VARIETAL _____

100% Gamay. 50-year-old vines in average.

CULTURE _____

Sustainable farming. Natural grass cover. Short pruning in order to reduce yields. Harvest by hand in small crates.

VINIFICATION _____

Carbonic maceration in concrete vats. Maceration happens during 10 days, in concrete vats with punching of the cap and "Délestage" (rack-and-return). Ageing during 8 months, in the same concrete vats, on fine lees. Light filtration before bottling.

TASTING NOTES _____

"Brilliant ruby. Aromas of fresh red and dark berries, candied flowers and smoky minerals take on hints of exotic spices and earth as the wine opens up. Sweet and pliant in the mouth, offering appealingly sweet boysenberry and black raspberry flavors that show very good depth as well as energy. Finishes sappy and precise, displaying strong persistence, a lingering red fruit note and fine-grained tannins that build slowly."

92 - Wine Spectator by Josh Raynolds March 2018

Other Beaujolais wines available:

Authentique Vin portfolio offers all 10 Crus du Beaujolais from 8 small independent growers. Also available the sparkling Gamay rosé and Blanc de noir as well as the still Gamay Blanc de Noir and Beaujolais Blanc from Franck Besson in Juliéнас

