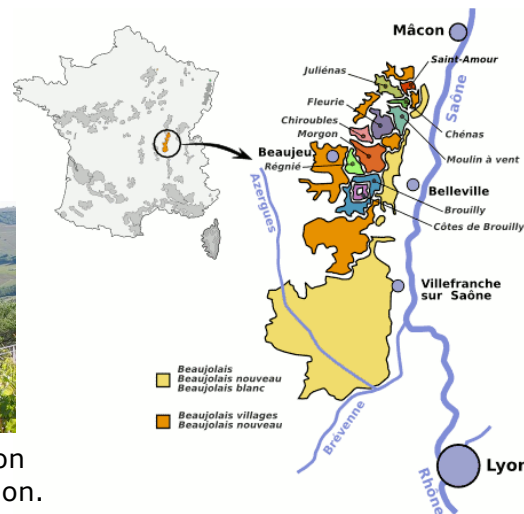




FRANCK BESSON "NOTE BLANCHE" GAMAY "BLANC DE NOIR" 2012



Franck Besson's estate is located in Jullié in the heart of the appellation Juliénas, one of the finest terroir of the 10 "Crus" of the Beaujolais region. When Franck took over the estate in the 90's he gave himself 2 objectives, bringing the life back in his soils and expressing the "chameleon" character of the Gamay grape.

Fully certified organic in 2013, his estate sees only organic fertilizer since more than 2 decades, and he is moving to biodynamic culture very soon.

From the Gamay grape, the juice being white, he produces an exciting series of Méthode Traditionnelle Rosé and white, controlling the whole process of "prise de mousse" in site.

This white wine made from the red grape Gamay is a wonderful proof of the incredible potential of this fascinating varietal. It's not surprising then, that some region call the Chardonnay "Gamay Blanc" as the resemblance in flavor profile is stunning.

SOIL TYPE _____

On the granitic plateau of Émeringes located at 1,080 feet high

VARIETAL _____

100% Gamay noir a jus blanc. 45 years old vines in average.

CULTURE _____

Organic farming. Full certification for the 2013 vintage.
Only organic fertilizer: manure and compost. Working of the soil under the row. Harvest by hand in small cases.

VINIFICATION _____

Pneumatic pressing of the hand-harvested grapes in a maximum of an hour after the harvest to preserve the whiteness of the juice.
Fermentation with natural yeast in concrete vats, following the same process than for a white, at cold temperature (62F).
Malolactic fermentation made before winter.
Aging during 10 month in concrete vats with the fine lees.

TASTING NOTES _____

This wine shows a nice flesh with flavors of white flower and peaches. The granite soil is providing an intense mineral backbone and the bright acidity bring balance and refreshing finish.

Other wines from Franck Besson

*Blanc de Noir - Méthode Traditionnelle "Dentelle"
Rosé - Méthode Traditionnelle "Rose Granit"*

