

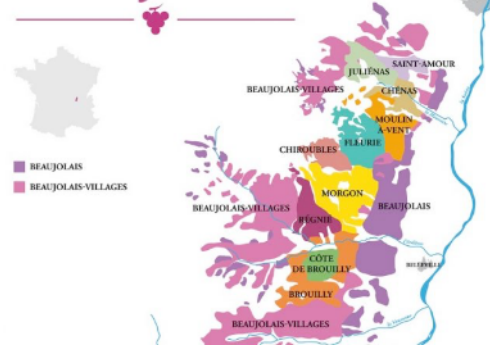


# YOHAN LARDY "LES MICHELONS"

## MOULIN-À-VENT 2022

"CRU DU BEAUJOLAIS"

## BEAUJOLAIS



They call it "The lord of the Cru" for its ability to reach the excellence of the greatest Pinot Noir of the Côtes du Nuit. It is the only Cru not named after a location but rather an historical windmill, or Moulin-à-Vent, standing proudly on top of an 850 feet hillside. The vineyard planted on the best slopes of the two villages of Romanèche-Thorins and Chénas, are bordering the Cru Fleurie to the south-west and Chénas to the north. Here the Terroir of "gores" decomposed pink granite with veins of manganese and blue clay, explores the best potential of Gamay grape. Accessible young, as Beaujolais can be, it also offers an incredible ageability.

Fifth generation Yohan Lardy started its eponymous estate in 2012 alongside his dad Lucien, a figure in Fleurie. Part of this excited new generation of Terroir-focused vintner, its 8ha of vineyard are farmed organically with no pesticide or herbicides. He practices natural winemaking with native yeasts, minimal use of SO2 and no filtration.

The progression of Yohan's winemaking experience and the excellence of its Terroir are revealing now through his wines. I have a personal fascination for his cuvees and the instant gratification that they provides while displaying so much life in every bottle. We have the future star of the Beaujolais right there!

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

Decomposed pink granite ("gores"), veins of blue clay and manganese.

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

100% "Gamay noir à jus blanc" with vines planted between 1911 & 1950

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

Organic farming. Traditional working of the soil. Manual interventions. No pesticides, herbicides or phytosanitary products are used. Harvest by hand in small 100 lb crates.

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

Semi-Carbonic maceration (whole cluster) with native yeasts 14 days, in concrete vats with daily pump-over. Ageing during 10 months on lees in neutral 400l French oak barrels.

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

"Composed and focused bouquet : well defined redcurrant and wild strawberry fruit, a touch of rose petal emerging with time. The palate is medium-bodied with pliant tannins and fine acidity. Quite taut and focused but it tapers towards the end. Drink over the next 6-8 years."

--Vinous by Neal Martin on March 2023

Other wines from Yohan Lardy:

- Fleurie "Le Vivier"
- Moulin-à-Vent "Vignes de 1903"
- VDF Gamay Poppy

