



YOHAN LARDY "VIGNES DE 1903"

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 cuvee 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 in 1903

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 18 days, in concrete vats with daily pump-over. Ageing during 9 months in neutral French oak casks.

TASTING NOTES

"It has a wonderful nose of crushed stone and iris petal commingling with blackberry and strawberry fruit. Impressive delineation. The palate is medium-bodied with lovely depth and sense of symmetry. There's vibrant red berry fruit with just a touch of reduction on the finish that will be addressed by bottle age. This is worth hunting down."

--92pts Vinous by Neal Martin on March 2023

Other wines from Yohan Lardy:
Fleurie "Le Vivier"
Moulin-à-Vent "Les Michelons"
VDF Gamay Poppy

