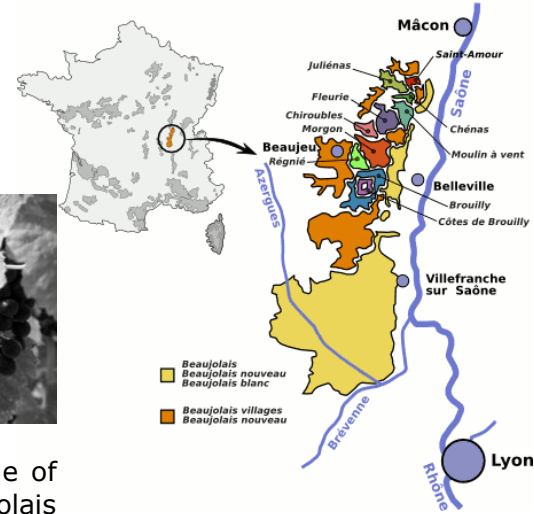




# PASCAL AUFRANC "EN REMONT"

## CHENAS 2022

"CRU DU BEAUJOLAIS"



The Chénas appellation is, like its closest neighbor Moulin-à-Vent, one of the most full-bodied and highly-regarded of the 10 "Crus" of the Beaujolais wine region. With only 635 acres located on the single slopes of Mont Rémont, it is the smallest of the Cru. Chénas owe its name to the oak tree - "Chêne" in French- forest that use to cover this hillside before being replaced by vines in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

In his peaceful stone house on top of the "En Rémont" hill at 1,200 ft high, Pascal Aufranc cultivate his tiny 10 hectares estate divided between Juliénas and Chénas. The isolation of his vineyard, surrounded by woods and fields, allows him to favor environment friendly practices in order to let his Terroir speaks. His vines planted before WWII broke out, provide us with the deepest expression of this fascinating Terroir.

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

Granitic with quartz and manganese.  
A single south-west oriented 3.5 acres plot called "Pic de Rémont".  
Elevation of 985 feet with a 45° angle.

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

100% Gamay. Vines over 80 years old.

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

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

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

Semi-carbonic maceration with whole cluster in concrete vats. Maceration of 12 days in gridded vats. Ageing during 8 months, in the same concrete vats, on fine lees. Light filtration before bottling.

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

"This wine opens with black cherry, black plum and huckleberry, and finishes with dried violet blossom. Grippy tannin on the midpalate rides under a persistent layer of black fruit and black tea."

*--90pts Wine Enthusiast by Reggie Solomon on April 2024*

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