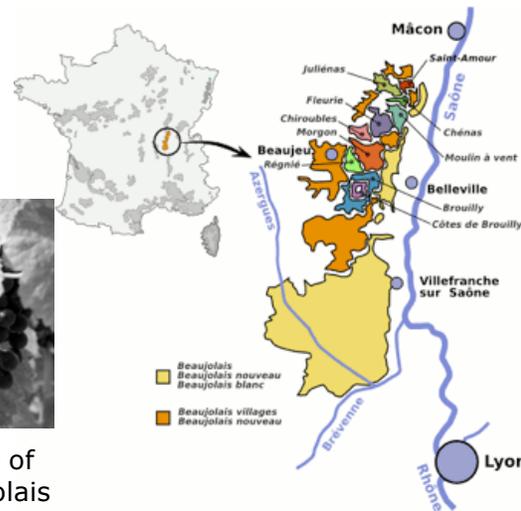




PASCAL AUFRANC "VIGNES DE 1939"

CHÉNAS 2019

"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 15th 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 Juliéanas 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

"Vivid ruby. Powerful black and blue fruit aromas show sharp clarity and complementary smoky mineral and spice flourishes. Chewy and energetic in style, offering concentrated boysenberry, bitter cherry and floral pastille flavors and a touch of dark chocolate. Conveys both depth and energy and finishes with building tannins and a repeating blue fruit note."

-- Josh Reynolds, Vinous Aug 2021 - 93 pts

Other Beaujolais wines available:

Authentique Vin portfolio offers all 10 Crus du Beaujolais from 8 small independent growers.

