

DOMAINE LES GRYPHÉES Beaujolais Rosé

You can't ignore the "gryphées," or seashell fossils, that crunch underfoot as you walk through Pierre Durdilly's vineyards in Le Bois d'Oignt, as if the ocean were just over the next hill. It's the region's unique terroir, with its mineral complexity, that sets the family's suave wines apart from other less refined, rustic interpretations of Gamay. In particular, their old-vine Moulin-à-Vent combines the floral elegance of cru Fleurie and the muscle of cru Morgon for a supple, balanced wine that is fruity and expressive in its youth yet will age gracefully over the years.

WINERY: Domaine Les Gryphées

WINEMAKERS: Pierre Durdilly (father) and Guillaume Durdilly (son)

ESTABLISHED: 1970s

REGION: FRANCE • Beaujolais • Le Bois d'Oignt

APPELLATION: Beaujolais AOC

BLEND: 100% Gamay

VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards are located on steep hillsides at altitude (1,050 feet and higher). Soils combine granite and clay. The family plants beneficial herbs between vineyard rows to prevent erosion and combat pests.

AGE OF VINES: 50 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Rosé de saignée (destemmed grapes briefly macerated then juice "bled" from tank). Fermented on indigenous yeasts in cement tank. Aged in tank.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of red berries, crushed stones, pink flowers, light pepper. Medium-bodied, fresh, silky.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled chicken; air-dried sausage; fresh cow's cheese.



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