

Fleurie 2015

Fleurie, Beaujolais, France



PRODUCER

This family-run winery based just north of Fleurie dates back to the early 1900s and has been run by current Winemaker Dominique Morel since 1967. To sum up his philosophy, Morel says: "I make wines that I like to drink, with lots of fruit, good colour and a rounded mouth-feel".

VINEYARDS

The Fleurie vineyard faces south-west and covers 2.5 hectares. The average age of these goblet trained vines is over 45 years with average yields of 52 hectolitres per hectare. Soils here are poor, stony and granitic which accounts for the perfume and finesse of the best wines of this region.

VINTAGE

Overall 2015 was a good vintage in the Beaujolais. The summer was warm and dry which meant that the grapes were able to ripen exceptionally well and the resulting wines are rich and concentrated.

VINIFICATION

Pre-fermentation maceration of whole bunches was followed by semi-carbonic maceration (70% whole bunch, 30% destemmed grapes). Dominique allowed the temperature of the must to rise for a couple of hours to help the extraction of colour, aroma and tannins. He chilled the wine before the fermentation took place for a week. The wine was handled as gently as possible, with the least intervention. It remained in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks after fermentation, being stabilised naturally by the low temperatures.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is full of expressive Gamay characteristics with elegant violet, iris and red fruit aromas and a palate bursting with velvety tannins. An elegant wine with a long finish.

Grape Varieties	100% Gamay
Winemaker	Dominique Morel
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	12.5%
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl, 75cl