

FAMILLE LABRUYÈRE

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MOULIN-À-VENT GRANDE CUVÉE 2012

2012: Virtuoso Winemaker Vintage!

Throughout vine growth cycle, our vineyards underwent all caprices of nature: great fluctuations in temperature in spring, arduous flowering (coulture and millerandage), excess rainfalls, several violent storms, hail and heat. 2012 weather conditions showed that nature remains determining factor in winemaking, it is stronger than everything and this is for the best. Despite these climate hazards, heat in the second half of August enabled a fast veraison. Thanks to summer-like temperatures, good health conditions were preserved in the vineyards and grapes could reach their optimal maturity. Harvests at Domaine Labruyere started September 18th under a beautiful sunny weather. 2012 is a very low yield vintage but with high-quality fruits producing elegant, round and dense wines.



Terroir

Grande Cuvée is a selection of different parcels of Domaine Labruyère, originating predominantly from granite soils rich in manganese and quartz.

Grape Variety

100% Gamay

Planting Density

4 000 vines per acre / 10 000 vines per hectare

Average Age of Vines

50 years

Harvests

Grapes are harvested manually in 15kg crates before passing on a double sorting table and are 100% destemmed.

Winemaking and Ageing

The fermentation takes place in concrete or stainless steel tanks, in order to isolate each plot and to express in the best possible way the characteristics of our unique terroirs. The entire system is thermo-regulated.

Wine is aged in oak barrels (5% new oak) for 15 months. Slight filtration and no fining.

Tasting Notes

(Tasted on 17 March 2014)

Beautiful ruby colour with a slightly purple rim, this wine impresses with its fruity nose of fresh cherry and pomegranate together with floral notes: peony, iris.

Fruity, crispy, delicious and slightly spicy on the palate.

This wine is good to drink now and has a great bottle ageing potential of 10 years.

MOULIN-A-VENT GRANDE CUVEE 2011

Vintage

Spring came at the end of March with summer temperatures, hot and dry weather causing an explosive and brief flowering. Weather changed dramatically from July 14th and looked like fall. Harvests debuted on August 31st and took place in ideal conditions of maturity. 2011 is a nice balance between the freshness of 2010 and heat of 2009.

Terroir

The Grande Cuvée is a combination from different vineyards. This is a pure granitic soil with quartz and manganese.

Harvests

Grapes are harvested manually in 15kg crates before passing on a double sorting table and are 100% de-stemmed.

Winemaking

Fermentation takes place in concrete vats of 50 hl or 60 hl in order to refine the plot selection and value each vineyard.

The entire system is thermo-regulated. Wine is grown whether in new oak barrels or used ones. Slight filtration and no fining.

Tasting comments

(Tasted in April 2013)

Robe: nice deep and purple-like robe

Bouquet: black fruits, licorice and spices

Palate: licorice, small fruits, very light tanins and end of cocoa

Cellaring potential

Both ready to drink or to keep

MOULIN-A-VENT GRANDE CUVEE 2010

Vintage

A cold and long winter before wet and rainy spring and summer. First weeks of september were sunny and cool. This vintage was much cooler than 2009. Harvests started on September 16th. Grapes were healthy and thanks to this good level of maturity picking choices for each parcel could have been planned easily.

Tasting comments

(Tasted in September 2012)

Robe: beautiful garnet red

Bouquet: charming fruit with hints of dark chocolate, liquorice and black cherry, developing toasty-smoky aromas with aeration

Palate: tasty and concentrated with overtones of spice, liquorice, and menthol. Nice, ripe and vibrant fruit. Long and savery aftertaste.

MOULIN-A-VENT GRANDE CUVEE 2009

Vintage

2009 is a rare year. We talk about a legendary vintage for Beaujolais thanks to a "tailored" weather with outstanding conditions.

The harvest date was easy to choose and berries were perfectly mature and in excellent conditions: excellent health on every plot and a rare acidity/maturity ratio. These gave very fruity wines, well-structured. In terms of taste this is an exceptional vintage that could find its place between 2005 – rich and balanced – and 2003 – concentrated and very mature.

Tasting comments

(Tasted in September 2012)

Robe: beautiful garnet red

Bouquet: delicate and expressive, very fruity, crushed raspberry

Palate: very concentrated. Great fineness, fruity, tasty and long. Charming.

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