



2019 Beaujolais ‘Shining Stars’ Limited Offer

‘The 2019 Beaujolais wines are brighter and more delicate than the richer, more muscular 2018s or 2017s. Perfumed and floral, the best examples display all the succulent charm and elegance that Beaujolais purists prize, and they come warmly recommended.’

William Kelley, Wine Advocate

‘There has never been a better time to explore this region’s (Beaujolais’) delicious, approachable wines, especially considering the seemingly endless, often steep, price hikes for most wines from other historically pedigreed regions across the globe.’

JOSH RAYNOLDS, vinous.com

The height of summer is a great time of year to enjoy the wines of Burgundy’s southernmost outpost; supple, fresh, and fragrant they are immediately enjoyable by themselves and an essential enhancement to most summer fare.

In the coming week we will receive a parcel from three of the most sought after and respected Domaines in Beaujolais.

Beaujolais has seen two decades of fervent improvement fuelled by seemingly endless injections of talented young winemakers committed to clean grape growing and careful but minimal work in the cellar, whilst the established masters have risen to cult like status; yet prices of these brilliant wines still deliver some of the best value to be found today.

Domaine Julien Sunier

Born in Dijon to a non-winemaking family, Julien Sunier decided in his teens to pursue a career in wine. His interest was fostered by Christophe Roumier, a friend of his parents. After studying oenology and viticulture at university, Julien did work experience with Roumier and with Jasper Morris MW (the leading Burgundy specialist) in Jasper’s days running Morris & Verdin. Julien settled in Beaujolais to work for the large Boisset group, but always intended to establish his own domaine. In 2007 he purchased two hectares in Fleurie which he farmed organically from the outset. Today, his domaine extends to a little over five hectares - a small but perfectly formed property - with holdings in Fleurie, Régnié and Morgon. As well as wines from the Crus, he makes a fabulous Beaujolais-Villages - Wild Soul - from bought-in grapes grown in Lantignié.

Julien's approach in the winery is hands-off: he uses only natural yeast, minimal SO2 and rarely filters his wines, which are characterised by scintillating floral aromatics, great freshness, and a sense of place and energy. He is now well-established as one of the region's star producers, part of a wave of talented, ambitious young winemakers (many of those dedicated to organic viticulture) who are today redefining how Beaujolais is perceived.

Domaine Julien Sunier Fleurie 2019

Shelf Price - SOLD OUT

Near-perfect Fleurie; beautifully concentrated, with deliciously pure of red berry fruit

Domaine Julien Sunier Regnie 2019

Shelf Price £22

The newest Cru of Beaujolais, this Regnie comes from 60yo vines and is vibrantly aromatic, crisp and silky textured

Domaine Julien Sunier Wild Soul 2019

Shelf Price £20

Wild Soul has developed a fanatical following for it's energetic, uber perfumed style and unbeatable price

Louis Claude Desvignes

This fabled estate, based in the town of Villié-Morgon, is today run by siblings Louis-Benoît and Claude-Emmanuelle Desvignes - the eighth generation of their family to make wine in Beaujolais. It is renowned for producing concentrated, age-worthy Morgon wines, which gain exceptional complexity with time in bottle. Benoît and Emmanuelle (as they prefer to be called) have, in recent years, updated the winery and begun farming organically, but their method of vinification is the same as their forebears': semi-carbonic maceration, with a grille to keep the cap submerged. The length of the maceration varies from cuvée to cuvée, being around 10 days for the relatively early-drinking Voûte Saint-Vincent, but longer for Javernières and Les Impénitents, of which only a tiny quantity is produced from a parcel of century-old vines.

Morgon, La Voûte Saint-Vincent, Louis Claude Desvignes

Shelf Price £16

Shows the fresh floral charm of Fleurie which this vineyard borders and the deeper structure of Morgon.

Morgon, Javernières, Louis Claude Desvignes

Shelf Price £28

Laying just below the famous Cote du Py, this is concentrated yet soft, dark fruited Morgon.

Château Thivin

This domain of the Côte de Brouilly appellation has been in the hands of the Geoffray family since 1877. Today Claude-Edouard and his wife, Sonja are at the helm. They're young and dynamic and have been pushing what was already a great domaine to even greater heights, keeping the winning formula in the winery but moving to organic viticulture and ploughing their steeply sloping vineyards by hand (with the assistance of the old-school winch system). The organic conversion process is staggered across the domaine but by the 2023 vintage, everything will be certified.) Claude-Edouard and Sonja are well-travelled and made wine around the world during their studies - she is Swiss and has a family domaine in Valais. They met when studying at Changins, which is a renowned viticulture and oenology school in Switzerland (the only place you can study both).

Côte de Brouilly, Les Griottes de Brulhié, Château Thivin Shelf Price £24

The name of the vineyard translates to the cherries of Brouilly and the wine shows true to name with concentrated, pure cherry fruit backed by mineral freshness and lengthening grip

Côte de Brouilly, Les Sept Vignes, Château Thivin Shelf Price £20

Combining fruit from the seven single vineyards Thivin owns, this is brilliant benchmark Beaujolais that shows of exactly why Thivin is one of the names of this appellation.

For some of these wines we will only have a few cases in total. If you are interested, send requests to the email below and we will reserve what we can of them to avoid missing out.

Cheers,

Rodney, Shane and Steven

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