

CHÂTEAU DE LA CHAIZE

CÔTE DE BROUILLY 2019

BACKGROUND

Château de La Chaize is among the oldest, most historic estates in Burgundy's Beaujolais region. Cared for by the same family for nearly three and a half centuries, the estate has been passed on to new owners, the Gruy family, who are equally committed to managing the estate with the utmost care, while implementing an ambitious environmental plan. Among the many initiatives is the conversion of all vineyards to organic farming, the adoption of precision viticulture, reducing carbon their carbon footprint, and recycling every by-product from viti- and vinicultural activity, to achieve zero waste.

APPELLATION

Côte de Brouilly AOC, France

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Gamay Noir

TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

Brouilly is the southernmost appellation in Beaujolais. This cru site specifically - but apparent in the entire Beaujolais region - are hills more pronounced than you will find in Burgundy. Some are rolling while some are steeper, and this topography has a direct influence on the way the vine rows are planted, how they are tended (by hand or machine), and how the vines are pruned. Nowadays, double cordon de Royat pruning is replacing Goblet, so that yields can be controlled and thus increase quality and concentration in the grapes. This also allows for vines rows to be planted with ample space to allow for tractors to plow.

Château de La Chaize estate is located on a natural amphitheater with south/southeast exposure, on steep hillsides of sandy pink granite that allow for excellent drainage.

"Côte de Brouilly" is a blend of a selection of estate vineyard sites, located on the famous Mont Brouilly mountain.

WINEMAKING & AGEING

Hand-harvested from a selection of different vineyard sites within the Côte de Brouilly, from ~50-year-old vines. Grapes are transported from the vineyard in small, vented crates which prevents them from getting crushed and prematurely oxidizing. Fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks using indigenous yeasts with semi-carbonic maceration, 50% Burgundian (destemmed) and 50% whole cluster. Pumping-over is practiced without punching down, to preserve the fruit and freshness of the wine.

50% of the wine is aged in stainless steel tanks and 50% foudres.

TASTING NOTES

Ruby red with purple highlights. Beautiful balance between ripe red fruits and ethereal floral notes. A remarkable finesse, silky tannins, persistent notes of red fruits, freshness and spices.



WINEMAKER

Boris Gruy

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol
12.5%



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