



# CHÂTEAU DE LA CHAIZE

## BURGUNDY (BEAUJOLAIS), FRANCE



Château de La Chaize is among the oldest, most historic estates in the Beaujolais region. Cared for by the same family for nearly three and a half centuries, the estate has been passed on to new owners, equally committed to restoring the former splendor of the estate, 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.

Leading the restoration and environmental projects is Boris Gruy, head winemaker. A plant specialist, Boris led the winery to achieve an HVE (High Environmental Value) certification and is transitioning the entire estate to organic+ (organic and more!) viticulture.

- Among the oldest, most historic estates in Beaujolais, Château de La Chaize is repositioning itself as the beacon of quality for Beaujolais Cru production, with massive investments in the vineyards, the winery, and Oenotourism.
- At Château de La Chaize, typicity and traceability are fundamental; the vineyards of La Chaize have been analyzed and demarcated based on site and soil type and isolated into parcels. These Lieux-dits and Clos are established throughout the estate vineyards, in the manner of a great Burgundian estate.
- Estate vineyards are in Brouilly, Côte de Brouilly, and Fleurie appellations; encompassing 22 prestigious "named vineyard" sites, or Lieux-Dits.
- On track to be fully carbon neutral by 2030, Château de La Chaize operates via sustainable geothermal heating and cooling. In addition to building their own sustainable machinery and recycling all winery by-products, the winery is working towards organic certification.
- In 1674, François de La Chaize d'Aix, steward of Lyon, purchased the land known as La Douze at the foot of Mont Brouilly, in southern Beaujolais. He hired France's most esteemed architect at the time François Mansard to build the château and assigned André Le Nôtre, famed gardener to the king of France and head designer for the gardens of Versailles, to build the gardens around Château de La Chaize.



BORIS GRUY, WINEMAKER

Fleurie "La Chapelle des Bois"  
Brouilly "La Chaize"- Monopole  
Côte de Brouilly "Brûlhier"  
Fleurie  
Brouilly  
Côte de Brouilly

  
Château de  
La Chaize



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## CHÂTEAU DE LA CHAIZE FLEURIE "LA CHAPELLE DES BOIS" *Fleurie Cru AOC, France*

- Gamay Noir
- Fleurie lies in the center of Beaujolais' Crus and is known for its typically light, floral characteristics; Fleurie is often deemed "The Queen of Beaujolais"
- The vineyard site "La Chapelle des Bois" is considered one of the best terroirs of the Fleurie appellation; Different types of granite offer wines of great complexity and elegance
- Hand-harvested from ~40-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 90% Burgundian (destemmed) and 10% whole cluster
- 100% of the wine is aged in foudres



## CHÂTEAU DE LA CHAIZE BROUILLY "LA CHAIZE"-MONOPOLE *Brouilly AOC, France*

- Gamay Noir
- Hand harvested from a single parcel in the 'La Chaize' vineyard, with vines ranging from 50 to 120 years old!
- The 22ha 'La Chaize' vineyard sits directly behind the Château on a very steep hill with SE exposure; It is a clos surrounded by a stone wall dating back to 1676 and sits on granite soils
- 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 90% Burgundian (destemmed) and 10% whole cluster.
- 100% of the wine is aged in foudres for 18 months

92  
POINTS

2017  
WINE ENTHUSIAST  
4/20

91  
POINTS

2017  
WINE ADVOCATE  
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## CHÂTEAU DE LA CHAIZE CÔTES DE BROUILLY "BRULHIER" *Côte de Brouilly AOC, France*

- Gamay Noir
- The 1.7ha Brülhier vineyard sits on the south-facing slope of Mont Brouilly, within the Côte-de-Brouilly. The topsoil is composed of a shallow bed of diorite, also called "blue stone," a result of ancient volcanic activity; vines range from 50 -115 years old
- Grapes are transported 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 - 90% Burgundian (destemmed) and 10% whole cluster
- 100% of the wine is aged in foudres for 18 months

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POINTS

2017  
JAMES SUCKLING  
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POINTS

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WINE ENTHUSIAST  
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## CHÂTEAU DE LA CHAIZE FLEURIE *Fleurie AOC, France*

- Gamay Noir
- Fleurie lies in the center of Beaujolais' Crus and is known for its typically light, floral characteristics, which is why the Fleurie is often deemed "The Queen of Beaujolais"
- Hand harvested from a selection of different vineyard sites within Fleurie, from ~40-year-old vines
- Vineyards sit on the western side of the Beaujolais hills, on S and SE facing slopes; Many are planted on pink granite soil that has a lot of variation in textures and additional soil components, offering wide diversity
- Fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks using indigenous yeasts with semi-carbonic maceration - 50% Burgundian (destemmed) and 50% whole cluster.
- 100% of the wine is aged in foudres.

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2018  
WINE ENTHUSIAST  
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WINE SPECTATOR  
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## CHÂTEAU DE LA CHAIZE BROUILLY *Burgundy (Brouilly AOC), France*

- Gamay Noir
- This estate is located on a natural amphitheater with SSE exposure, on steep hillsides of sandy pink granite that allow for excellent drainage
- Hand-harvested grapes from ~30-year-old vines are picked from select parcel sites throughout the estate vineyards, carefully chosen according to soil type and aspect
- Each parcel is vinified separately to preserve its unique qualities; Fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks using indigenous yeasts with semi-carbonic maceration - 50% Burgundian (destemmed) and 50% whole cluster
- 70% of the wine is aged in stainless steel, 30% in foudres for 12 months

90  
POINTS

2019  
WINE ADVOCATE  
8/21

90  
POINTS

2019  
JAMES SUCKLING  
4/21



## CHÂTEAU DE LA CHAIZE COTE DE BROUILLY *Côte de Brouilly AOC, France*

- Gamay Noir
- Château de La Chaize estate is located on a natural amphitheater with S/SE exposure, on steep hillsides of sandy pink granite that allow for excellent drainage
- 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
- 50% of the wine is aged in stainless steel tanks and 50% foudres
- Beautiful balance between ripe red fruits and ethereal floral notes; A remarkable finesse, silky tannins, persistent notes of red fruits, freshness and spices



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