

BEAUJOLIAS

PASCAL AUFRANC
CHENAS

OVERVIEW | Chénas is the smallest of the 10 Beaujolais Cru, with only 280 hectares of vineyards. The wines are not however, particularly homogenous because the vineyards are spread out east to west over different soil types and land elevations. The eastern vineyards around the town of La Chapelle de Guinchay are lower lying and have soils of gravel and silt mixed with granite and sand. The western vineyards are on hillsides that are formed of granite and sand.

VINEYARD AREA: 4.5 hectares

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 1000 cases

SOIL TYPES: sandstone and solid granite

GRAPE VARIETIES: gamay

Pascal Aufranc's vineyard is located on a small and remote mountain named "Pic de Remont" in the northwest corner of the appellation. It is practically the last outpost of vines before the hills turn into pine forests further west. His vineyard of 4.5 hectares is one parcel and lies between 300 and 350 meters in altitude.

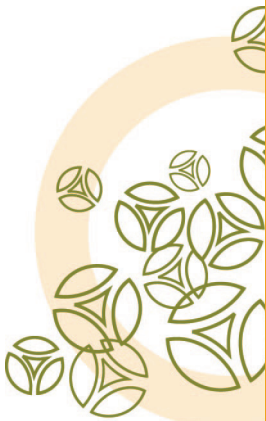
VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | Pascal's calm and modesty are in synch with his terroir. As his vines are isolated, surrounded by fields and woods, he is able to practice "lutte raisonnée" without potential interference from neighbours less concerned about protecting the environment.

The pitch of the hillside is severe and Pascal conserves what little topsoil exists by laying down straw between the vines. The vines have an average age of 45 years and are trained in the gobelet method. The fermentation process is carried out in both traditional oak foudres and stainless steel vats. It lasts between 8 and 10 days after which the wine is aged in stainless steel vats for seven months before bottling.

WINES |

Julienas - A peppery wine with more soil and black fruit aromas. Big and rich with fine tannin, with that signature earthiness of Beaujolais.

Chénas Vieilles Vignes de 1939 - Both the rarest and most unassuming "cru" of the Beaujolais, this Chénas "1939 vines" is regularly awarded in competitions and offers an excellent quality/price ratio. This wine seduces with its rich red fruit fragrance as well as with its iris and dried flower aromas. The attack in the mouth is frank without being aggressive. Elegant and racy with nuances of wood and flowers.

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