

BEAUJOLAIS

DOMAINE DUPRÉ
LES ARDILLATS

Corinne and Jean-Michel Dupré
Beaujolais 4.5 ha
Regnié 2.5ha

Beaujolais, a region of beautiful hills, is the traditional home of the gamay grape. Although this varietal was banned by Philip the Bold in 1395 because it was too vigorous for the rich, limestone soils of Burgundy, gamay reaches its full potential when planted in the granitic terrain and thin sandy topsoils of Beaujolais.

The Dupré's vineyards are located in Les Ardillats, a commune to the northwest of Beaujeu, the historical center of the region and also in Regnié.

Beaujolais "Vieilles Vignes"

Jean-Michel Dupré farms 4.5 hectares in this appellation and his vineyard is a "lieu dit" named "Terre Noire". His vines are planted at an altitude of 380m, among the highest in Beaujolais, on hillsides with southern and southeastern exposure and they have an average age of 40 years. The subsoil is a mixture of sand, clay and limestone, with topsoil of rough sands and stones. Harvesting is done as late as possible, typically 5 days later than the neighbors. The "cuvaison" lasts 5 days with some heating of the vats for increased extraction. The wine matures in vat for a few months and then is given a light filtration and is bottled in February.

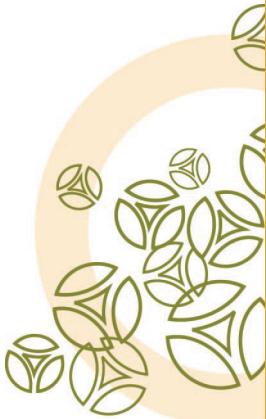
Regnié "Vieilles Vignes"

The Regnié vineyard size is 2.5 hectares and is split between two "lieu-dits", Les Bruyères and La Tour Bourdon. Regnié was the last of the ten crus to receive its appellation status which occurred in 1988. The appellation lies just to the north of Brouilly and is spread across a number of hills with a great deal of planting on the plateaux.

The Dupré vineyards are at an average elevation of 320 meters and are partly on a plateau (somet) and partly below with eastern exposure. Adapting to the high altitude with the vines planted in the gobelet method, The Duprés use the unusual type of head pruning known as "rognant au carré" to allow increased air circulation and exposure to the sun.

The soils are sandy clay on a bed of granite. The average age of the vines is 35 years.

The cuvaison lasts 9 days with some heating of the vats. The wine matures in vat for 8 months and is bottled after a light filtration.

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