

## BEAUJOLAIS

**CLOS DE LA ROILETTE**  
**FLEURIE**


**OVERVIEW** | In the 1920s, when the Fleurie appellation was first created, the former landowner was infuriated with losing the Moulin-à-Vent appellation under which he had previously been classified. He created a label, using a photograph of his horse Roilette, and used the name Clos de la Roilette, without mentioning Fleurie. The current label does mention the name of the appellation, but only as a subscript.

**VINEYARD AREA:** 9 hectares

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION:** 4500 cases

**SOIL TYPES:** clay and manganese

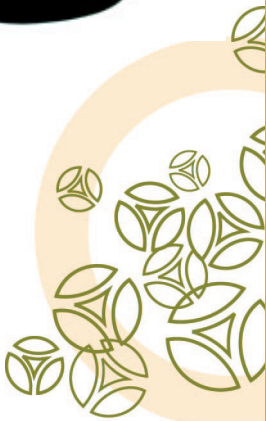
**GRAPE VARIETIES:** gamay

In the mid 1960's Fernand Coudert purchased Clos de la Roilette, which at that time was in a state of neglect. He replanted the vineyards and began anew. In 1984 Fernand's son Alain joined him, and has since been the winemaker.

The particular nine hectares of vineyard that the Couderts farm is on the edge of their appellation of Fleurie. Despite the 1920s redrawn boundary, the soil under Clos de la Roilette's vines is typical of Moulin-à-Vent- clay and granite rich in manganese, which gives their wine structure, depth and longevity not always found in Fleurie.

**VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES** | The vineyard has an eastern exposure that borders the Moulin-à-Vent and is situated on one of the best slopes in the Beaujolais Crus. Father-son winemaking team, Fernand and Alain Coudert, say their particular terroir (mainly clay and manganese), and the age of their vines, planted in the early 1960s, account for the richness of their Fleurie. Their farming is very traditional, and cellar work includes fermentation on native yeasts and use of a combination of cement tanks and old oak barrels.

**WINES** | Besides their regular Cuvée of Fleurie, the Couderts also bottle a Cuvée Tardive solely from their older vines. This wine is aged in older oak barrels at the winery, and is meant for longer cellaring in the bottle.



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