

# DOMAINE DES GRANDS FERS

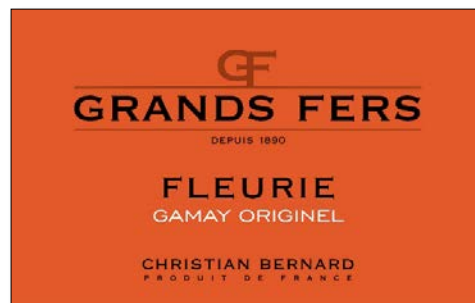
Situated in the heart of Fleurie, the Domaine des Grands Fers has been in Christian Bernard's family since the turn of the last century. He owns a total of 10.3 hectares of Gamay planted on several different terroirs in the Cru. All are southeast facing slopes in the famous Madone terroir, les Garands and les Moriers.



The classic Fleurie characteristics, including the wines' floral perfume notes, are the result of the incredible soils of crushed and crystallized ancient red granite. Christian ferments all his different terroirs separately, whole cluster, with a classic carbonic maceration for a twelve day period. After a six month élevage in oak foudres, he blends his various plots into what becomes his signature Estate bottling.

Being very careful in his selections, Christian blends only his best wines; the rest is sold on the bulk market. In exceptional vintages Christian makes a Clos des Grands Fers bottling that is made solely from the remaining 110 year old vines from his family's original planting.

## *Fleurie* *"Gamay Originel"*



**Varietal/Blend:** 100% Gamay

**Farming:** sustainable farming, no chemicals, no synthetic treatments

**Elevation / Exposure:** 280m / E-SE

**Soil:** pink granite

**Ave Year Vines Planted:** 1960

**Vine Training:** goblet

**Harvest Technique:** by hand

**Yeast:** ambient

**Fermentation:** semi-carbonic maceration for 7 days / whole-cluster pressed and primary fermentation completes in concrete tank

**Malolactic:** full malolactic fermentation in amphora

**Aging:** 6 months in 17hl amphorae

**Alcohol:** 12.5%

**Sulfur:** no sulfur added

**Fined:** no

**Filtered:** no

**Country:** France

**Region:** Beaujolais

**Sub Region:** Fleurie

**Vineyard Size:** 0.5 hectares / 40 HL/ha.