

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 *"Les Côtes"*



Varietal/Blend: 100% Gamay

Farming: sustainable farming, no chemicals, no synthetic treatments

Elevation / Exposure: 250m / S

Soil: crushed red granite arena with sandy surface, less than 5% clay

Ave Year Vines Planted: 1955

Vine Training: goblet

Harvest Technique: by hand

Yeast: ambient

Fermentation: semi-carbonic, whole-cluster fermentation in cement tank, 8-14 days

Malolactic: full ML in foudres

Aging: 10-12 months in 30hl foudres and new and used Burgundy barrels

Alcohol: 13.0%

Fined: no

Filtered: no

This cuvee is made from a single 1.65 ha hillside parcel in the terroir of La Madonne with perfect southern exposure on a very well-draining soils. Yields are 40hl/ha.

Country: France

Region: Beaujolais

Sub Region: Fleurie

Vineyard: La Madonne

Vineyard Size: 1.65 hectares