

XAVIER BÉNIER

Xavier Bénier is part of a small group of Vigneron that are responsible for the pulse and the return of vintage specific wine from village and cru Beaujolais. He operates 6.5 hectares of vines without chemicals or correction to the soils.



Xavier is the youngest in a small family of growers in the south of Beaujolais (just above Saint-Julien, Rhône). Here, soils of red sand and clay are planted to beautiful old vines that Bénier has exclusively tended since 2001.

These wines are herbal and earth driven expressions of Gamay. The fruit of the varietal is present, but Bénier's interest lies in the integrated tannins and savory flavors that speak to terroir. Bénier coaxes complexity from his fruit, yielding a tour de force in each cuvée.

BEAUJOLAIS BLANC



Varietal/Blend: 100% Chardonnay

Farming: practicing organic

Soil: red clay - limestone

Elevation / Exposure: 250m / W

Trellis System: Guyot

Ave. Year Vines Planted: 1998

Harvest Technique: by hand

Fermentation: in fiberglass tank

Malolactic: yes

Aging: about 4 months in fiberglass tank

Alcohol: 13%

Yeast: natural

Fined: no

Filtered: yes

Sulfur: minimal

Country: France

Region: Beaujolais

Sub Region: Saint-Julien

Vineyard Size: 1ha