

Quentin Harel

Winemaker Quentin Harel may come from a traditional family of vigneron, but he also shares in the heritage of terroir-driven, natural winemakers in Beaujolais with the likes of Chauvet, Lapiere, and Foillard. Harel's holdings are mostly situated around Buis-Rond (south of Côte de Brouilly) where his family estate, Domaine de Buis-Rond, has operated since 1768.



Harel's Beaujolais AOC vineyards to the south have soils composed of clay, sand, and flint which stands apart from the neighboring granitic zone of Beaujolais crus. The wines from these vineyards are bright, fresh, and aromatic. In 2011, Harel purchased a one-hectare plot of 80 year-old vines in the Les Charmes lieu-dit of Morgon, a small portion of which has gradually been replanted. These soils are schist and granite with a presence of Manganese, and the wine is lively with an elegant mineral character. Harel's family parcels have been certified organic since 1998, and the plot in Morgon has been farmed organically since 1980.



In the cellar, vinification is traditional, whole-cluster fermentation with indigenous yeasts. No sulfur is added during the fermentation process. The Morgon is aged in 400-liter neutral barrels and the other wines remain in cement or enamel tanks. All wines receive a small amount of sulfur before bottling and the wines are never filtered or fined.

Les Grandes Terres Beaujolais Villages



Varietal/Blend: Gamay

Farming Practices: certified organic

Soil: clay and limestone

Vine Training: Guyot

Harvest Technique: by hand

Year Vines Were Planted: average of 40 years

Yeast: ambient

Fermentation: spontaneous fermentation with whole clusters for 7 days / 5 pumpovers during that time

Maturation: 12 months in 70 hL cement tank and 20hL enamel

Sulfur: 2g/hL at bottling

Vegan: yes

Alcohol: 13%

Fined: no

Filtered: no

Country: France

Region: Beaujolais-Villages

Vineyard: estate

Vineyard Size: 3 ha

Production #s: 4,000 cases total from the domaine