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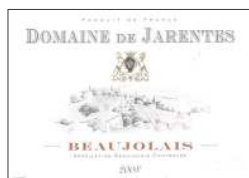
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It is a little over two years since we last featured the wines of Beaujolais and demand for wines from the region has gone from strength to strength. Increases in duty and the weakness of the pound have caused prices to rise, but these wines remain good value and above all quite unique. Nowhere else in the world has been able to match the perfect affinity of the Gamay vine with the climate and granite soils of Beaujolais. Elsewhere Gamay is pretty undistinguished but here the result is a wine described by Jancis Robinson as 'uniquely fresh, vivid, fruity, light but infinitely swallowable'.

Part of the secret is the way in which these unique flavours are captured by carbonic fermentation. Whole bunches of grapes go into the vat uncrushed and fermentation begins internally, that is inside the grape. This emphasises the wine's characteristic smell and flavour whilst minimising tannins and acid. After just three or four days the grapes are pressed, separated from the skins and the fermentation finished in a vat, rather like a white wine. This all helps to accentuate the fruit character, a process completed by early bottling. This is necessarily artisanal in approach and so not easily undertaken by large, industrial-sized operations. For this reason we have focused on smaller producers, often family owned and usually with several generations of experience. Modern technology especially at the bottling stage has ensured the vibrant flavours are retained until the bottle is uncorked, but fundamentally it is about what happens in the vineyard. Here the family domains have the edge with their long experience and attention to detail. Therefore it is with great pleasure we present these four wines, the fruits of each family's labour. You can make your own selection and take free delivery or save even more with our Beaujolais Sampler Case.

Domaine de JARENTES
 Beaujolais 2008
 BEAUJOLAIS AC 12%



The Subrin family have been making Gamay wines in the village of Morancé for generations. The domaine extends to 12ha and is situated in the southern part of Beaujolais, some 10km south of the regional centre Villefranche sur Saône. Production is not large, around 6,000 cases each year, and is reassuringly traditional.

Hand-harvesting and whole grape carbonic maceration produce a wine that is vibrant, silky and generously flavoured yet relatively low in alcohol. This makes it extremely versatile, perfect on its own or with a range of foods, especially simple flavoursome dishes like charcuterie and white meats.

Intense aromas of plum, cassia, mocha and spice. Juicy, vibrant summer fruit flavours, notably red cherry and blackberry with a touch of wild strawberry. The simple yet generous flavours and good balance make this much better Beaujolais than you might expect from this appellation. Serve around 12°C.

At Peak Now - 2011

FR3498R £7.49

Chateau de LACARELLE
 Beaujolais Villages 2009
 BEAUJOLAIS VILLAGES AC 12.5%



Chateau Lacarelle is owned by Comte Louis Durieu de Lacarelle and is one of the oldest in the region. Over the years the Comte has increased his vineyard holdings and now has one of Beaujolais' largest privately owned estates, on the slopes above Arbussonnas near Brouilly. The aspect and the ancient crystalline soils make this probably the best Beaujolais area not yet granted 'Cru' status. The Beaujolais-Villages appellation is a step up from generic Beaujolais, but the quality here is really on a par with that of its 'Cru' neighbour, Brouilly.

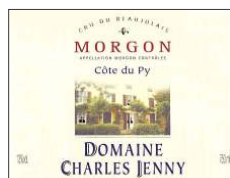
This is the first wine we have tried from the outstanding 2009 vintage and judging by its quality we will be revisiting this area as soon as the 2009 cru wines are released.

'Strawberry and cherry aromas with spicy hints. Vibrant youthful flavours with just a touch of tannin under damson and ripe cherry flavours. Good intensity and lovely, long aromatic finish. This is really quite impressive. Enjoy lightly chilled.

At Peak Now - 2012

FR1359R £8.25

Domaine CHARLES JENNY
 Morgon 'Cote du Py' 2008
 BEAUJOLAIS CRU 13%



This small, 8 ha domaine is owned and run by Charles Jenny himself and consistently makes one of Beaujolais' best wines. The vineyard is in a special climat, 'Côte de Py', on the south-facing slopes of the Mont du Py. According to Jancis Robinson, this rock formation of crumbling slate gives the wine 'more rigour than any other Cru and almost as much breadth and substance as Moulin-à-Vent'.

The majority of Morgon wines come from the less exciting lower slopes, making those from the heights of 'Côte du Py' somewhat undervalued. M. Jenny produces a full-bodied, powerful wine, best served at a cool room temperature rather than slightly chilled.

Deep, complex aromas of red fruits, spice earth and minerals. Very smooth and silky in the mouth with excellent purity. Bramble fruit flavours with tobacco, kirsch and stone fruits and impressively long, aromatic finish. An outstanding wine with rare power and complexity.

At Peak Now - 2013

FR1388R £9.99

Domaine de CHAPITRE
 Fleurie 2008
 BEAUJOLAIS CRU 13%



Fleurie is by far the most popular of the Beaujolais Crus and as a result it tends to be more expensive. So it was a real pleasure to find this well-priced wine. The domaine is owned by the Roux family and is situated in the hamlet of Grand Pré on the outskirts of the village of Fleurie. They have just 3.3ha of vines, which is small even by Beaujolais standards. Planted over 40 years ago the vines have naturally low yields producing a concentrated and surprisingly age-worthy wine.

The winemakers of Fleurie say that the appellation makes two different styles. Ripe, fruit-driven wines for immediate drinking are favoured by the British market, whilst a more structured, complex wine, like this example, is favoured by the French.

Smooth and elegant with aromas of redcurrant, cherry and hints of violets. Textured mouthfeel and additional flavours of peach, cassia and cranberry. Good freshness and a nice lingering finish. Enjoy cool but not cold, around 15°C.

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