

Anita & André Kuhnel

Moulin-à-Vent Fût de Chêne



THE ESTATE: Maison Kuhnel is a 12 ha vineyard planted within the areas of Beaujolais Villages, Moulin-à-Vent, Chénas, and Morgon. The last 3 are among the finest of the 10 Crus of Beaujolais. The Kuhnels, Anita & André, are devoted to managing every facet of their operation. They personally tend to their vines, from pruning to harvesting them. They are strict adherents to traditional winemaking techniques and standards. In fact, they continue to use the original wooden press that André's parents first used back in 1943.

LOCATION: Originating from a plot of land called "Rochegrès" in Chenas, this Moulin-à-Vent has depth and complexity of flavor. Planted on poor, sandy soils, the Gamay vines search for pockets of Managese that are present in the subsoil.

THE VINES: A single variety, Gamay noir à jus blanc, which is a native to Beaujolais. The vines are planted densely to obtain a large number of small grapes that are rich in flavor and give body to the wine. Maison Kuhnel practices sustainable agriculture by limiting treatments of the vines to their absolute minimum, respecting the environment, green harvests in July to obtain the best yields, and regular pruning to limit the risk of disease.

VINIFICATION: Sorting takes place on the vine in whole bunches and before vatting of the grapes, a practice specific to Beaujolais. The grapes are gently crushed with an ancient wood press, then heating of the must occurs, followed by alcoholic fermentation at 19°C which lasts between 7- 10 days, depending on the vintage.

TASTING NOTES: Deep, intense violet color. The nose opens with woodsy notes and hints of toasted bread, mocha, and licorice. On the palate, this wine reveals a beautiful harmony between a fine, subtle, flexible woodiness and a very good concentration; full-bodied and rich.

AGING POTENTIAL: 7-10 years

SERVING TEMPERATURE: 15°C

FOOD PAIRINGS: Dishes such as Coq au Moulin-à-Vent, and aged cheeses

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