Beaujolais-Villages 2013

Grape Variety:
Gamay.

Vineyard
Site: although Beaujolais is part of "Greater Burgundy", it differs from Burgundy in many respects. Out of the 35,000 hectares of gamay planted throughout the world, 22,000 hectares are in the Beaujolais area, spread over 38 villages.

History & Tradition: Maison Joseph Drouhin has always had a special affinity for this area and, since their pioneering work in the early fifties, has assiduously promoted it around the world. Made from grapes harvested in villages celebrated for the quality of their terroir and micro-climate, this wine represents, vintage after vintage, the true spirit of the Beaujolais-Villages appellation.

Soil: schist and pink granite.

Viticulture
Density: 9,000 vines/ha, to check the strength of the varietal.
Pruning: Gobelet method (Goblet pruning), very short, to control yield.

Vinification
Harvesting: by hand.
Method: traditional for Beaujolais; semi-carbonic maceration, full bunches of grapes.
Maceration: 4 to 10 days.
Ageing: stainless steel vat.

Tasting note by Véronique Boss-Drouhin
"A truly convivial wine. Owing to the careful blending of various terroirs, the result is a wine of great charm. It has a lovely raspberry colour and a brilliant hue. The nose is both refined and intense, with notes of violet, peony and red fruit syrup. As you drink it, it feels fresh and silky. Both freshness and fruit remain for quite a long time on the palate".

Vintage
The wines are good and homogenous all over the Beaujolais region.
The colour is frank and fairly dark and there is a nice fruity spontaneity on the nose, as on the palate.

This year we can say that the aromas have a tendency towards red, rather than dark fruits.

Serving
Temperature: 13°C (55°F).
Cellaring: 1 to 3 years.

LA MAISON JOSEPH DROUHIN

In 1880, Joseph Drouhin, who was from the Chablis region originally, chose the city of Beaune to found the business that bears his name. Over the years and with each generation, the vineyard estate grew. At the same time, the founder's passionate search for excellence and knowledge was handed down like a family heirloom; Maison Joseph Drouhin continues to ensure this valuable family heritage.

Dedication to the diversity of Burgundy has always been the sole focus and vocation of Maison Joseph Drouhin, as vineyards - mostly premier and grand crus - were acquired in all major areas.
Out of firm conviction, Drouhin has adopted a biological and biodynamic approach to viticulture. Listening to nature:
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from vine to glass, at every step in the elaboration of the wine, a profound respect and deference to nature prevails. From its very beginning, Maison Joseph Drouhin has aimed for an ideal of perfection and elegance. The style of Joseph Drouhin combines balance, harmony and character, providing infinite pleasure. Thanks to its open-minded world view, Joseph Drouhin introduces the best of Burgundy to all continents. Its active presence in many countries is the surest proof of its desire to get acquainted and understand other cultures and styles of living.