



CHÂTEAU DU MOULIN-À-VENT

2014 COUVENT DES THORINS MOULIN-À-VENT



Vintage Report / 2014 was a very good vintage with harvest spread over a ten day period, starting on September 11th and finishing September 20th. The wines are perfectly well balanced between maturity and acidity and are very representative of Moulin-à-Vent.

Terroir / This wine is sourced from the terroirs of la Delatte, les Rouchaux and les Maisonneuvesin, which are the lower areas of the Moulin-à-Vent appellation. These are terroirs which produce bigger berries with more freshness. Down in the valley between the mountains and the Saône River, the soils are well hydrated, therefore the vines are not stressed. Maturation of the fruit continues without interruption through the summer, and thus the fruit is much better preserved at harvest.

Varietal / 100% Gamay Noir

Vineyards / la Delatte, les Rouchaux and les Maisonneuvesin, in the lower section of the Moulin-à-Vent appellation

Viticulture / Lutte raisonnée (“reasoned protection”): natural soil amendments, manual weed control and integrated pest management

Vine Age / 40 year old vines

Vine Density / 10,000 vines/hectare

Yields / 27 hectoliters per hectare (Normal yields in the region are 45 - 50 hl/ha, while the maximum authorized is 52 hl/ha.)

Harvest / Manual harvest from September 11 - 20, in small 30-liter containers; two sorting tables at the winery were required.

Vinification / 75% destemmed; pumping-over during cold pre-fermentation soak and at the end of fermentation to increase roundness and finesse. Punching the cap at the beginning of fermentation; 21 days extraction to bring out the full potential of the terroirs.

Ageing / 14 months in 60% French oak from Allier and Vosges forests

Alcohol / 13%

Tasting Notes / Light, slightly earthy bouquet; medium-bodied with supple ripe tannins; rich palate of fresh dark fruits. An immediate pleasure, this wine is ready to drink now.

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