



CHÂTEAU DU MOULIN-À-VENT

CRITICAL ACCLAIM

“This historic property dates its origins to 1732 though there was a change of ownership as recently as 2009 as Jean-Jacques Parinet bought the 30 ha Château with the aim of restoring it to its prior glory. While the terrific 2009 vintage has clearly played a role, it would appear that Parinet’s determination has borne fruit because these examples are simply terrific. Yields are kept very low, which is to say between 20 and 35 hl/ha and it shows as the wines are dense and serious. The wines were bottled in September 2010 after a light filtration but with no fining. For those who believe that good Beaujolais is more about blending than specific plots need only taste these three examples to be convinced otherwise. The straight Moulin-à-Vent is indeed a blend but the other two individual vineyard wines could hardly be more different.”

Allen Meadows’ Burghound, Issue 44, October 2011
Champ de Cour score: 92 (best score ever for a Beaujolais wine)

“Jean-Jacques Parinet – along with his vineyard and cellar manager Guillaume Berthier, and commercial director Gilles Herr – is out to revive an estate whose 74 acres (and slightly more numerous parcels) arguably constitute collectively the largest single share of top acreage in the Moulin-à-Vent appellation, and to render wines that will be flatteringly compared with those the great Pinots of the Cote d’Or.”

Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate, by David Schildknecht; Parker score: 91

“... A château, the most eminent of its appellation, which returns to the forefront with the colossal 2009 vintage, a rounded, nicely spiced wine with hidden depths concealed behind an enticing initial appeal...”

Bernard Burtschy, Le Figaro Magazine, October 2010

“... The prestige of the Moulin-à-Vent appellation is based on the quality and specific features of its terroir and Château du Moulin-à-Vent enjoys the full benefits of the special geology of reputed terroirs such as les Vérillats, Champ de Cour and les Thorins, which would fully deserve a premier cru ranking... The owner of the estate and winemaker Guillaume Berthier are aiming to get the very best out of these wines by making the terroir the focal point of the estate’s winemaking.”

Périco Légasse, Marianne, February 2011

“... A splendid estate of 30 hectares, with an ideal location next to the famous mill. The new team could hardly have chosen a better vintage for their first wine than the sumptuous 2009...”

Le Guide Bettane et Desseave des Vins de France 2012

“... A lot of money has been put into the vineyards and the cellar of this 30 ha estate, which contains well-known terroirs, such as les Vérillats and Champ de Cour. Winemaker Guillaume Berthier has all he needs to make terroir-dominated wines...”

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