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Fleurie (Beaujolais)



The Metrat family home and winery are to be found in the midst of the very highly regarded sector of Fleurie called "La Roilette". La Roilette lies towards the bottom of the slope close to the border of Moulin a Vent and here the soil has a base of clay underneath the decomposed pink granite that is so typical of this area. This makes for wines that have a little more depth and structure than most other Fleuries.

"A good Fleurie is a wine of medium weight which has an ample flavour absolutely crammed full with this fruit and is overwhelmingly seductive. Some Fleuries can be delicious as early as the spring after the vintage. Others need keeping for another 6 months." Clive Coates

The Fleuries from the Metrat family fall into this latter category and both wines are now showing very well with the old vines cuvee having a little more dimension and finesse than the traditional cuvee. The winemaking by the Metrat family is traditional with no artificial yeasts used and crop levels kept low. The wines show great purity of fruit with ample perfume on both aroma and palate. The extraction of tannins is gentle and although these wines are generally drunk young these 3 wines from the Metrat family can confidently be enjoyed over 2 or 3 years if you can manage to keep your hands off them !!



"This domaine is superbly successful in 2006: the wines are generously perfumed, ample and expressive of their terroirs. The vieilles vignes of La Roilette has surpassed itself but the revelation comes from the superbly successful Chiroubles: it has been a long time since we have tasted one that is this complete. Their purchase is strongly recommended." Classement 2008

2007 Chiroubles

Average age of vines for this wine is more than 60 years old with his vineyard located quite high up the slope at around 400 metres. This gives wines of freshness and finesse with elegant red fruits, good acidity and ample body and flesh. Has all the depth and elegance expected of a top cru.

2007 Fleurie vieilles vignes

La Roilette is regarded as one of the best sites in Fleurie, and this is the old vines (more than 60 years old vines) cuvee produced from one small patch of old vines planted in pink granite-clay soil located in the northern part of the appellation beside Moulin-a-Vent. A portion of this cuvee is vinified in barrel (none new) giving extra dimension to its freshness and perfume, will also age for 5+ years. This is Gamay at its finest and beautifully perfumed best.

2008 Moulin a Vent - due July 2010