

DOMAINE DES POTHIERES

CÔTE ROANNAISE 'CLOS DU PUY'

ORIGIN

Villemontais, Côte Roannaise,
France

WINE TYPE & VARIETIES

Still red, Gamay Saint-Romain

VINEYARD

Around the estate

SOIL

Granite (rhyolite), from a 1,7
hectares, 515 m asl with east
exposure

VITICULTURE

Organic and biodynamic
cultivation, short pruning
(cordon de Royat), plowing,
disbudding, de-leafing

VINIFICATION

3/4 destemmed grapes, 18 days
maceration, pigeage
11 months in barrels of 500
liters

Although technically Côte Roannaise is a part of the Loire, with its unique granite soils this area is often considered the unofficial "11th Cru of the Beaujolais" (even though it's at least an hour drive from Brouilly, and the Gamay used here is a particular variety called Gamay Saint-Romain, which is distinct from the Gamay in the Beaujolais).

The vineyards are set on hills overlooking the Loire on the foothills of the Massif Central at about 400-500 meters above sea level.

Domaine des Pothiers and the Paires family have been in the Villemontais for over 300 years. Georges (Romains father) inherited the domaine from his father Benoit Paire in 1974, George was (and remains) passionate about the vineyards. He began to replant and modernize the farm.

Regulating the Limousin cattle to the unplanted parcels, Georges moved towards viticulture. With the help of his wife Denise, the vineyard went to 5 hectares of vines then continued. Romain joined his parents full-time in 2005 and his passion has continued the progress - even breathing new life! Today, the estate has become mainly viticultural with about 10 hectares of vines while retaining a small herd of limousine cows. Romain Paire and family are without a doubt the reference point for the Côte Roannaise.

The vineyards are all biodynamic, the fruit hand-harvested and the wine fermented with indigenous yeasts with a maturation in either tank or cement. In the case of the monopole "Clos du Puy", in old wood.



VIN

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