

LAURENT GAUTHIER

« Morgon - Grand Cras » 2018

Single Vineyard - GPS 46.1372374, 4.6818765



ORIGIN

Beaujolais, France

APPELLATION

AOC Morgon

VINEYARD

+/- 70-year old vines planted in granite and volcanic ash soils at 220m altitude with a South, Southeast sun exposure

BLEND

100% Gamay

FARMING

Sustainable farming practices

WINEMAKING

Up to 80% of grapes are destemmed and then enter maceration for 15 days

AGING

Aged for 9-months in wooden vats called 'foudres'.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

13.5% Alc. |

Laurent Gauthier's 2018 Morgon 'Grand Cras' is a beautiful wine full of exquisite richness. The nose and the palate pair beautifully with their complexity of spice and refreshing acidity that are brought together through the notes of blackberry. The palate has a fresh edged contrast through its use of tannins which allow this wine to age through the coming year.

Beaujolais' 2018 vintage gave way to rich cuvées akin to that of 2015. However, unlike the 2015 vintage, 2018 offered more refreshing acidity throughout the appellation. The cool, wet spring and early summer allowed for the fruits to survive the hot, dry summer as the vines were able to survive due to the reserves of groundwater.

These 70-year-old Gamay vines are planted in a soil full of granite and volcanic ash. They sit at an altitude of 220m with South & Southeastern sun exposure and are maintained only through sustainable practices. After the fruit is picked, up to 80% is destemmed before it before a 15-day maceration period. Once completed, the juice is then aged for 9-months in woods vats called 'foudres'.

Since 1834, Laurent Gauthier's family has preserved the natural respect of creating Crus with great finesse. Born and raised in Morgon, Monsieur Gauthier puts the spirit of his home each and every one of his wines. His hard work and determination to the art form that is wine making has allowed for him to understand the lessons that nature has given him throughout the years.

ACCOLADES

2018 Wine Enthusiast – 92 Points

"Three months in wood has given this wine a boost of richness. Spice and acidity add complexity to the blackberry fruits and tannins. The fresh edge contrasts with the aging potential of a wine that needs to wait until 2021." - W.E.

