

LUCIEN LARDY VIGNERON

FLEURIE « Les Roches » 2017

Single Vineyard – GPS 46.1923239, 4.7161108



Lucien Lardy's 2017 Fleurie 'Les Roches' has a red garnet robe that is highlighted by delicate hints of purple. The nose filled with ripe wild berries, floral aromatics, and roasted notes. The palate is incredibly velvety with fine tannins a hint of sweetness. This wine's excellence follows through to the very end with a finish that is both long and silky.

ORIGIN

Beaujolais

APPELLATION

Fleurie

VINEYARD

+/- 67-year-old vines planted in the lieu-dit "Les Roches" which has a soil make-up of pink granite and sand

BLEND

100% Gamay Noir

FARMING

Plots are vinified
Sustainably farmed

WINEMAKING

Whole cluster maceration for 12 -days,
Fermentation done with native yeast

AGING

Aged 8 months in concrete vats

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

12.5% Alc. |

2017's Beaujolais vintage delivered massively against all the odds. Even with Mother Nature's tests of hail, drought, and rain, winemakers were able to create cuvée's with rich, ripe, fruit character with intense concentration.

The soil of the lieu-dit 'Les Roches' is comprised of pink granite and sand. The sand provides drainage as the pink granite lends a minerality to the wines. These 67- year old Gamay Noir vines thrive in this 15-acre vineyard that stands at an elevation of 280m with southern and south-eastern sun exposure.

Lucien vinifies each of his lieux-dits separately. By doing so, he is able to maintain each plot's specific characteristics. Maceration lasts for a total of 12-days with whole clusters in gridded vats which is followed by fermentation under native yeasts. It is aged for a total of 8-months in concrete vats.

Lucien Lardy is the one son out of four children who stayed to take over for his father and become a winemaker at the family's property. He made it his mission to preserve and honor the legacy his father and grandfather had cultivated over the past 100 years. Today, Lucien is one of the few independent growers in Beaujolais.

ACCOLADES

2017 Vinous – 92 Points

2017 Wine Enthusiast – 91 Points

"Brilliant ruby. Sexy, highly perfumed red/blue fruit liqueur, violet and five-spice powder scents, along with a smoky mineral topnote. Sappy, deeply concentrated black raspberry, cherry and floral pastille flavors show impressive energy and a suggestion of exotic spices that gains strength in the glass. At once powerful and lithe, finishing impressively long, with impressive clarity and velvety, well-integrated tannins." -Vinous

