

DOMAINE LES GRYPHÉES Fleurie 'Grand Vière'

You can't ignore the seashell fossils that crunch underfoot as you walk through the Durdilly family vineyards, as if the ocean were just over the next gentle hill. It's this unique terroir, with its mineral complexity, that sets the family's Gamay wines apart from other more rustic bottles from the region. While our history with the Durdilly family goes back at least two decades, it's exciting to see a new generation come into its own. Guillaume Durdilly is now working along side his father, Pierre, and together they are expanding their holdings in Beaujolais, seeking out older-vine, cru vineyards that have been abandoned and bringing them back to the greatness of which they are capable.

WINERY: Domaine Les Gryphées

WINEMAKERS: Pierre Durdilly (father) and Guillaume Durdilly (son)

ESTABLISHED: 1970s

REGION: FRANCE • Beaujolais • Le Bois d'Oignt

APPELLATION: Fleurie AOC

BLEND: 100% Gamay

VINEYARDS: A selection of estate fruit from a south-facing plot called 'Grand Viere,' in Fleurie. Soils are mostly rose-colored, decomposed granite,

as is typical in this cru Beaujolais region, and sand.

AGE OF VINES: 50 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in

stainless steel tanks. Aged in tank. Unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of red and purple flowers, summer berries,

light cinnamon spice. Medium-bodied; silky tannins.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Roasted chicken or turkey; grilled pork sausages

