



## Domaine des Bernardins, AOC Beauges de Venise, Rouge, 2015

AOC Beauges de Venise, Vallée du Rhône, France

Domaine des Bernardins, which I tasted during my week in the Rhône Valley, were impressive. 16.5/20 Jancis Robinson

### LOCATION

Spreads out over the south-east side of the Dentelles de Montmirail hills, in Beauges de Venise in the southern part of the Rhone valley.

### TERROIR

On a poor sandy, hungry and arid soil consisting of tender limestone and gritty zones of sandy mollasse.

### IN THE VINEYARD

The vineyards and their terroir are the essence of our wines. This is where everything starts and where we focus our efforts throughout the year. You can't make great wine without great grapes.

The viticulture is essentially done by hand. Five people work full-time in the vineyards. They are supplemented by seasonal employees who work during bunch thinning and the harvest in order to bring out the very best in our vines. Working by hand and the attention each vine gets are fundamental. Pruning, de-budding, trellising, leaf removal and picking are thus carried out by hand with the utmost care.

We prepare the soil by using good old-fashioned ploughing. Organic compost is made from grape marc (the discarded stalks and skins).

We use and abide by countrywide standards for 'sustainable agriculture'.

As a way of protecting the plants, we only use phytosanitary products when necessary and within strict guidelines by staggering the treatments appropriately, to minimise the amount of chemicals used. We prefer to use as much as possible manual and organic techniques. Leaving natural grass cover, removing buds and leaves from the vines, preserving biodiversity around the vineyard: olive, almond and cypress trees, wild rosemary and capers.

### WINEMAKING

We make two red wines at the estate. Terroir wines shaped by the two classic Côtes du Rhône varieties: Grenache and Syrah. We don't follow any winemaking recipe but are constantly searching for the perfect expression of terroir and each vintage's particular characteristics. We don't go for overripe grapes and over-extraction, as we think the wine has to stay refreshing and balanced.

Leaving the wine for 15 days in concrete vats, we try to gently extract the tannins and anthocyanins essential for the wine's structure and colour. The wine doesn't come into any contact with wood during ageing. This way the characteristics of our terroir can fully express themselves.



VARIETALS

Grenache 65%, Syrah 25%, Grenache blanc 5%, Mourvèdre 5%

SERVING

They are pleasant to drink young. But good ageing wine can be kept from 8 to 10 years.

TASTING

The nose is complex, delicately spicy with black fruit aromas. The palate has a pleasant roundness with a subtle tannin structure expressing the notes of fruit and spice found in the nose.

FOOD PAIRINGS

These elegant red wines are excellent with red meat and game, with a stew or even a truffle omelette.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS



94/100

"No destemming, aged 10-12 months in stainless steel. Deep, dense, tightly packed nose with smoky herbal essences and lovely peppery, stemmy fragrance. Full-bodied, very rich with concentrated fruits - but the acidity is perfectly balanced and the tannins are pleasingly muscular and sinewy. Already harmonious, this is a great achievement, the best red I've tasted from this exemplary Beauges-de-Venise estate. Very long finish, Real complexity and interest. 2017-2025"

Tim Atkin, Tim Atkin, 24/11/2016



15/20

"Le Beauges de Venise 2015, dégusté encore brute de cuve, embaume la vendange entière il offre un beau végétal relayé par un fruit intense. Un très beau vin en perspective."

La Revue du Vin de France, 31/08/2016



16.5

"Tasted blind. Dark crimson. Exceptionally opulent nose – really ripe fruit. Great palate entry: this wine positively glides on to the palate. And there is lovely meaty, polished fruit that glows. Nothing out of place though not for the very long term. Likely to be VGV. Drink 2017-2022"

Jancis Robinson, 29/11/2016



17/20

"Une expression du terroir à la perfection. Précis, vertical, gracieux, il relie l'enracinement à l'aérien. Très floral, élégant, il a une classe racée splendide. On est conquis."

Guide Bettane et Desseauve des vins de France, 01/09/2017



90/100

"Silver 90 pts"

Decanter World Wine Awards

Type of bottle					Volume (ml)		item code		Bottle barcode		Case barcode	
bourgogne tradition					75 cl		4		376015592012 3		3376015592012 4	
Palette Europe	Units per case	Units per pallet	Layers per pallet	Cases per layers	Btl weight (kg)	Case weight (kg)	Pallet weight (kg)	Btl height (cm)	Btl diameter (cm)	Case dimensions (H*W*D cm)	Pallat dimensions (H*W*D cm)	
EPAL	12	600	9	5.55	1.33	16	800	29.6	8.2	18 x 31 x 50	180 x 120 x 80	

