



Winery: Domaine des Pothiers

Vignerons(s): George & Romain Pairs

Varietal: Gamay

Region: Côte Roannaise, Loire, France

Name: Domaine

Soil: free draining red, pink and occasionally white granite, with particles that can range from the size of a grain of sand through to large fragments of rock flecked with veins of quartz

Vinification/ Maturation/ Vineyard/ Winemaking Info:
biodynamic farming with vines trained cordon de royat (short cutting)
all manual plowing with grass growing between the rows,
manual, debudding, leaf management as well as harvesting and sorting

30-70 year old vines

14 days maceration then aged in cement vat (winter months):
bottled in the spring

Completely natural - native yeast only
no additives, no enzymes, no SO2 before or during fermentation,
no fining, no filtration

Tasting Notes:

darker fruits (italian plums, blackberries)
with black & pink pepper undertones
a solid granite backbone with great acidity

awesome with grilled anything!!!

or just enjoy it as it meant to be enjoyed - with friends!

About Domaine des Pothiers and the Paires family

Domaine des Pothiers is located in Côte Roannaise and is one of the oldest vineyards of the region. Côte Roannaise is one of the most southern vineyards in the Loire Valley and not far from the source of the river. 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! When Blaise Pothier was killed in action in 1916, his sister and her husband inherited the farm and vineyard. Fast-forward to 1974 when their grandson, Georges succeeded his father, Benoit Paire.....

Georges 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. The vineyards are all organic, the fruit hand-harvested and the wines fermented with indigenous yeasts with a maturation in either tank or cement.

The Paires are continuing to honor the legacy of Domaine des Pothiers while innovating and producing great natural wine.