



DOMAINE DES CHERS

Region: Burgundy (Beaujolais) Village: Julié纳斯

Winemaker: Arnaud Briday

Property: 8 hectares Julié纳斯, 2 hectares Saint Amour,
and 1.5 hectares Moulin-à-Vent

Domaine des Chers was officially created in 1956 by Henri Briday. The Bridays had already been making wine in the Beaujolais region for a couple generations but never under an official name. That first vintage saw some of the most intense cold and freezing temperatures the area had ever seen. While this was a tough way to start, Henri did not let it discourage him. He was forced to replant most of his vines that died in the harsh winter. Bit by bit, the domaine grew and Henri started selling his Julié纳斯 in bottle. In the late 1970s Henri's only son, Jacques, took over for his father. Jacques invested everything into the success of his family's domaine. The winery remained stable and soon became a top reference for Julié纳斯 wines. In late 2008, Jacques' son, Arnaud, stepped in after the sudden passing of his father. Using his experience gained from working in other winemaking regions of France, Arnaud has been able to maintain the quality of wine at Domaine des Chers.

SAINTE AMOUR 'VIEILLES VIGNES'

100% Gamay

Soil: Grey Granite and Sand

100% whole cluster, 8 days semi-carbonic fermentation in open top tanks with twice daily punch downs starting half-way through vinification.

The wine is aged for 6 months in concrete tank before bottling.

These old vines (60-90 years) are well situated on the Côte de Bessay which runs from the eastern border of Julié纳斯 through the Southwest corner of Saint Amour. You'll find a higher elevation of 400 meters here.

Arnaud tries to do everything by hand. Less tractor use allows better soil health and reduces atmospheric pollution. He likes to avoid the soil compaction as well. They tend to pick a little bit later than average in the area due to altitude and exposure of this hillside microclimate.

Des Chers cuts everything when they harvest, as opposed to pulling. He does a little more interaction with the cap and tank than his father or grandfather, but that is really the only change in method at the domaine.

