

Jean-Paul Brun's Domaine de Terres Dorées Beaujolais

If you're looking for "Beaujolais" made to simulate Cote d'Or Burgundy, or Chilean Merlot, this is not your wine. Rather, this is *Beaujolais* in all of its intense, raw, and purely delicious essence. Its charms are revealed progressively and it pairs well with food.

The Domaine des Terres Dorées is located in Charnay, a village in the Southern Beaujolais just north of Lyons, in a beautiful area known as the "Region of Golden Stones." Jean-Paul Brun is the owner and winemaker at this 40-acre family estate and has attracted the attention of the French and American press for the wonderfully fruity and delicate wines he produces.

Brun wants to make "old-style" Beaujolais and his vinification differs from the prevailing practices in the region. He believes that the charm of Gamay's fruit is best expressed by the grapes' indigenous yeasts, rather than by adding industrial yeast. Chaptalization is avoided, so is sulfur, and the wines are bottled without filtration. Brun's wines are not 'blockbusters' in the sense of 'big.' The emphasis is not on weight, but on fruit: Beaujolais as it once was and as it should be. (Portions of this text were borrowed from Joe Dressner.)

