



THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR QUALITY


Mathieu Paquet

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Mathieu's veins run with Mâconnais blood. He's from Saint-Véran and grew-up at his family's estate, Domaine des Valanges. While his brother, Camille, decided to become a vigneron like his father and grandfather, Mathieu chose a different path...Camille is at home in his quiet vineyards and cellar, but Mathieu is an extrovert who thrives making connections between people. With his upbringing amongst the winemakers of Burgundy's southern Chardonnay and Gamay vineyards, Mathieu knew he could use his social talents to shine a light on the wonderful wines of his beloved home. Since 2011, Mathieu has sought out the most authentic wines of Mâcon and Beaujolais, working with his network of wine-grower and wine-maker friends to secure wines with real character and identity, while at the same time delivering value that is so hard to find further north in Burgundy. Each year, we work with Mathieu to bottle wines of a clear-cut place and poise. All the wines are made at his family's estate. They are never acidified, nor wrecked by heavy filtration or new oak. The wines we offer with Mathieu show so well that the Chardonnays of Mâcon and the Gamays of Beaujolais are not Burgundy "also-ran" wines. Mâcon and Beaujolais are "destination wines" that stand tall with their northern cousins. Come and find out for yourself!

Beaujolais-Villages "Les Granitiques" 2022

Mathieu's Les Granitiques bottling comes from a patch of pink granite high on the hillside slopes of Lantignie. This is organic Gamay that has been worked for decades by a close friend of the Paquet family. The grapes are pressed whole cluster in an old screw press thanks to the Chateau des Vergers where the wine is made. Fermented on the skins in concrete, then rested for a short while in neutral oak, followed by bottling, which is both unfiltered and unfinned, and with minimal sulfur. In 2022, the natural suntrap that is this high-elevation Granitiques vineyard produced wine of unmistakable and singular minerality. There's a smack of bright red cherry and framboise as soon as you lift the glass to your nose, followed by pink peppercorns and the "granitic" je ne sais quoi that only great Lantignie terroir can deliver. Come see how this single-vineyard, soil-to-glass Gamay Noir delivers both value and true cru Beaujolais character.

