

Olivier Ravier, Fleurie 2018



A silky Fleurie with subtle floral aromas surrounding a core of fresh red fruits enhanced by nuances of fennel and graphite on the finish

Producer Note

With over 42 years experience, Olivier Ravier is one of the most iconic and respected winemakers in Beaujolais. He is a former President of the Beaujolais growers association and has been appointed as an expert at the National Institute of the French wines appellation by the French government. His in-depth knowledge of the region, its climate, and the Gamay variety, is second-to-none. Living in the heart of the Fleurie appellation, he produces wines which overflow with typicity from the Beaujolais terroir.

Vintage

2018 was an excellent vintage throughout Beaujolais, similar to 2017, 2015 and 2009. The early months of the year experienced heavy rain showers which replenished the soil's water reserves. The summer was hot and dry, which allowed the berries to ripen slowly and regularly; and the vines to maintain excellent health. Despite the hot temperatures, overall the vines did not suffer from drought due to the ample water supply provided in the spring. Ideal conditions at harvest resulted in healthy, ripe grapes high in sugar and showing beautiful concentration.

Vineyard

Fleurie is one of the 10 Beaujolais Crus and is renowned for the elegance and finesse of its wines, which is linked to the pink granite soils. The vines which produce this wine have an average age of over 40 years old and these old, gnarly Gobelet trained vines thrive in granitic and sandy soils, which accounts for the aromatic finesse of this cuvée. The grapes are hand-harvested at optimal ripeness.

Winemaking

The grapes were vinified in the traditional way, with a semi-carbonic maceration lasting for 10 to 12 days. Fermentation was temperature controlled throughout and was followed by malolactic conversion, resulting in a softer style of wine.

Tasting Note

Quintessential Fleurie with subtle floral aromas surrounding a core of deep red fruits. The palate is full of finesse, with a rich and silky texture and an attractive hint of bitter cocoa on the finish.

Grape

Gamay 100%



Winemaker:	Olivier Ravier
Region:	Beaujolais
Sub region:	Fleurie
Country:	France
Alcohol:	13%
Body Value:	C (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	1.6
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/Yes
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic/Biodynamic	No/No
Product Code:	4545018A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Natural Cork