



Varietals

100% Gamay

Location

The vineyards of the Beaujolais region are very hilly. They are delimited on one side by the foothills of France's Massif Central mountain range and overlook the Saône River's floodplain between Mâcon and Lyon. Nestled at the foot of Mont Brouilly, Château de Pierreux is one of the most beautiful residences in the Beaujolais region. Several centuries of history have shaped this ancient 13th-century fortified house of which two towers still stand today. The castle was renovated several times over the centuries. Its vaulted cellars date back to the 17th century while the current building was erected in the 19th century.

Terroir

Château de Pierreux's 106 hectares of vines are planted in shallow, well-drained pink granitic, schistous, and siliceous soils which contain deposits of blue porphyry from the volcanic eruptions of Mont Brouilly that date back millions of years.

The vineyard

Planting density: 6,000 to 10,000 vines/ha

Age of the vines: 40/45 years

Pruning: gobelet & Cordon

Work philosophy: Growing methods are decided upon vineyard by vineyard according to *lutte raisonnée*, an environmentally friendly approach. Everything is analysed in detail: risk of disease, the number of harmful and beneficial insects that can be found in each vineyard, the size and number of bunches of grapes per vine, problems with weeds, the health of the vines' leaves, etc.

Working of the soil: de-earthing, scraping, hoeing between the vines. Horses are used in the narrowest and least accessible rows. This philosophy has 3 objectives:

- limiting the use of chemicals in the vineyards,
- re-establishing the vines' physiological balance,
- protecting the environment.