



## CHÂTEAU DU MOULIN-À-VENT

### 2015 COUVENT DES THORINS MOULIN-À-VENT



**Vintage Report** / 2015 was a vintage of the century. Berries were of perfect ripeness, from skin to seeds. The wines are rich, concentrated, powerful. Capable of remarkable ageing.

**Terroir** / This wine is sourced from the terroirs of Delatte, Rouchaux and Maison Neuve, which are the lower areas of the Moulin-à-Vent appellation. These are terroirs which produce bigger berries with more freshness. Down in the valley between the mountains and the Saône River, the soils are well hydrated, therefore the vines are not stressed. Maturation of the fruit continues without interruption through the summer, and thus the fruit is much better preserved at harvest.

**Varietal** / 100% Gamay Noir

**Vineyards** / Delatte, Rouchaux and Maison Neuve, in the lower section of the Moulin-à-Vent appellation

**Viticulture** / Lutte raisonnée (“reasoned protection”): natural soil amendments, manual weed control and integrated pest management

**Vine Age** / 40 year old vines

**Vine Density** / 10,000 vines/hectare

**Yields** / 27 hectoliters per hectare (Normal yields in the region are 45 - 50 hl/ha, while the maximum authorized is 52 hl/ha.)

**Harvest** / Manual harvest from August 11-September 2, in small 30-liter containers; one sorting table at the winery were required.

**Vinification** / 20% full cluster; pumping-over during cold pre-fermentation soak and at the end of fermentation to increase roundness and finesse. Punching the cap at the beginning of fermentation; 21 days extraction to bring out the full potential of the terroirs.

**Ageing** / 15 months in 90% stainless steel and 10% French oak from Allier and Vosges forests

**Alcohol** / 13%

**Tasting Notes** / Light, slightly earthy bouquet; medium-bodied with supple ripe tannins; rich palate of fresh dark fruits. An immediate pleasure, this wine is ready to drink now.

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