



## CHÂTEAU DU MOULIN-À-VENT

### 2016 COUVENT DES THORINS MOULIN-À-VENT



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**Varietal** / 100% Gamay Noir

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**Vine Age** / 40 year old vines

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

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

**Yields** / 30 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 September 20-26, in small 30-liter containers; one sorting table was positioned before the destemmer

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

**Alcohol** / 13%

**Vintage Report** / 2016 was a good vintage. The wines are elegant and very balanced, representative of their terroirs.

**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.