

# Famille PIERRE GAILLARD

VITICULTEURS À MALLEVAL ET AUTRES PENTES

## PIERRE GAILLARD

### Avant l'heure LATE-HARVEST WINE

 GOURMAND AND FRESH

 ROUSSANNE AND VIOGNIER

 GRANITE

 TO BE ENJOYED WITH NO  
TIME LIMIT



## TERROIR

Communes	Chavanay, Malleval
Soil	Granit
Surface area	Variable
Topography	Hilltop
Density	10 000 plants/ha

In a particularly dry vintage, "Avant l'heure" was an obvious choice. If the plant can't find the water resources it needs to develop, it slowly blocks the links between itself and its grapes. As a result, the berries begin to shrivel and concentrate their sugar content, while retaining their acid and aroma content.

## VINIFICATION & AGEING

Vinification **Settling.**  
Alcoholic fermentation in barrels.

Ageing **9 months in barrels**

Res. sugar **60 g/l**

The grapes are harvested with a very high sugar concentration (potential minimum ABV of 25%) to balance out the aromatic, sweet and acidic properties. The fermentation is natural and stops by itself.

## VITICULTURE

Grape varieties	Roussanne, Viognier
Age of vines	20 years old
Pruning	Cordon de Royat trained on wire
Yield	Depending on the year
Harvests	Harvested by hand in 2 sessions ; sorting of dessicated bunches

Viticulture on the estate is treated with the utmost importance. Each operation is carried out after first observing the needs of the parcel and in accordance with the characteristics of the vintage. Every parcel is therefore cared for precisely as required. The majority of the work is done by hand, although machines may sometimes be used to reduce the need for manpower. The goal of every operation is to obtain healthy and ripe grapes that fully represent their terroir. Therefore, we pay close attention to the yield, foliage and aeration of the bunches, etc.

## TASTING

Delicate nose with flowers notes, dried apricot and citrus zest. Ample, generous and fresh mouth, with a nice length. Pairs well with desserts, from the lemon meringue tart to the famous "Tarte Tatin" (don't forget to add "crème fraîche" on top!).

ONE FAMILY, FOUR ESTATES

