

"VIEW FROM THE CELLAR ISSUE 28" (JULY 2010 - AUGUST 2010)
THE ANNUAL BEAUJOLAIS REPORT "THE PURE AND BUXOM 2009S
AND PLENTY OF FINE BACK VINTAGES"

91 PTS 2009 Beaujolais- Pierre Chermette
 Pierre Chermette's basic bottling of Beaujolais is just superb in 2009 and has to be one of the very best red wine values to be found in the world of wine today. The bouquet is deep, sappy and vibrant, as it roars from the glass in a blend of black cherries, sweet cranberries, woodsmoke, lovely soil tones, a touch of raw cocoa and a bit of nuttiness in the upper register. On the palate the wine is medium-full, sappy and beautifully balanced, with excellent mid-palate depth, modest tannins, fine, framing acids and impressive length and grip on the complex and palate-staining finish. Just a lovely, lovely bottle of Beaujolais. 2010-2020. **91.**

93 PTS 2009 Beaujolais "Vieilles Vignes" Cuvée Traditionelle- Domaine du Vissoux
 The new release of the old vine "Cuvée Traditionelle" from Pierre-Marie Chermette is a beautiful bottle of wine that has to be one of the most poised and gorgeously balanced examples of the vintage. The wine offers up a very pure and vibrant bouquet of cherries, pomegranate, a touch of raw cocoa, woodsmoke, fresh herbs, gentle nutskins, violets and a very complex base of stony soil tones. On the palate the wine is medium-full and laser-like in its focus, with a fine core of fruit, good, tangy acids, superb soil inflection and outstanding length and grip on the slightly tannic finish. This is still a very primary wine and there is little doubt that as good as this wine is to drink today (and believe me, it is already very, very, very good), a few years in the cellar will allow this wine to really blossom and start to hit on all cylinders. A great Beaujolais that weighs in at all of twelve percent alcohol this year! 2010-2025+. **93.**

95 PTS 2009 Fleurie "Poncié"- Domaine du Vissoux (Pierre-Marie Chermette)
 The 2009 Fleurie "Poncié" from Pierre-Marie Chermette is an absolutely stunning bottle of wine. The beautiful bouquet is deep, pure and hauntingly complex in its mélange of sappy black cherries, pomegranate, raw cocoa, utterly refined soil tones, woodsmoke, fresh thyme and a pungent topnote of violets. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, utterly seamless, pure and complex, with great transparency and mid-palate depth, moderate tannins, bright acids and simply stunning length and grip on the youthful and elegant finish. This is a brilliant example of the 2009 vintage. 2013-2040+. **95.**

94+ PTS 2009 Brouilly "Pierreux"- Domaine du Vissoux (Pierre-Marie Chermette)
 The 2009 Brouilly from Pierre-Marie Chermette is absolutely stunning and one of the great, great wines of this superb vintage. The wine weighs in at a cool thirteen percent alcohol and displays flawless ripeness and purity as it soars from the glass in a celestial blend of red and black cherries, sweet cranberries, a touch of dark chocolate, exquisite soil tones, fresh thyme, a touch of vinesmoke and a lovely topnote of roses. On the palate the wine is deep, fullish and absolutely seamless, with flawless balance, a silky core of pure fruit, very tangy acids, modest, ripe tannins and laser-like focus on the very, very long and dancing finish. Brilliant wine. 2010-2040. **94+.**

88 PTS 2009 Beaujolais Rosé "Les Griottes"- Pierre-Marie Chermette
 The 2009 Beaujolais Rosé from Pierre-Marie Chermette is a lovely and quite serious bottle of rosé that offers up a vibrant bouquet of white cherries, melon, orange peel, lovely soil tones, a gentle hint of *garrigue* and dried roses in the upper register. On the palate the wine is quite full and completely dry, with fine framing acids, impressive mid-palate depth and fine length and grip on the soil-driven finish. This is one bottle of Beaujolais Rosé that is unequivocally built for the table and was just outstanding with a grilled chicken during the last heat wave of the summer. 2010-2015. **88.**



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"VIEW FROM THE CELLAR ISSUE ISSUE 29" (SEPTEMBER 2010 - OCTOBER 2010) "THE LAST GO-ROUND OF 2009 BEAUJOLAIS"

2009 Moulin à Vent "les Trois Roches"-Domaine du Vissoux (Pierre-Marie Chermette) 93+ PTS

The 2009 Moulin à Vent "les Trois Roches" from Pierre-Marie Chermette is a superb example of the vintage, but as it has seen a bit of new wood, it really will need a bit of time in the cellar to fully integrate its wood component and blossom a bit from behind its substantive structural elements. The bouquet is deep, pure and very beautiful, as it jumps from the glass in a refined blend of cassis, black cherries, graphite, currant leaf, a great base of soil tones, espresso, smoke and a deft framing of cedary wood. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and very pure, with fine focus and balance, firm, ripe tannins and outstanding length and grip on the still very young and currently quite closed finish. While there is absolutely no issue here with the ultimate balance of this wine, the wood currently pinches the wine just a touch on the backend and clearly suggests that some cellaring will be required. 2012-2035. 93+.

2009 Fleurie "Les Garants" Domaine du Vissoux (Pierre-Marie Chermette) 95 PTS

The later-arriving 2009 Fleurie "Les Garants" from Pierre-Marie Chermette was very much worth the wait, as this is a brilliant bottle of Fleurie in the making. The bouquet is deep, pure and utterly stunning, as it soars from the glass in a blaze of cassis, black cherries, vinesmoke, a touch of espresso, gentle notes of currant leaf, a whiff of cinnamon and a great base of soil. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and quite plush on the attack, with stunning transparency down to the soil (and a very soil-driven personality for Fleurie!), a bit of ripe tannin, superb focus and grip and a very, very long, complex and seriously structured finish. This great bottle of Fleurie will have no difficulties aging thirty to forty years! 2010-2040+. 95.