

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

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2010 Beaujolais “Cuvée Traditionnelle- Domaine du Vissoux (Pierre-Marie Chermette)

The 2010 Cuvée Traditionnelle from Pierre-Marie Chermette is a stunning young bottle of Beaujolais, jumping from the glass in a very complex and classy aromatic mélange of cherries, pomegranate, woodsmoke, beautiful soil tones, a touch of blood orange, soil and rose petals. On the palate the wine is medium-full, deep and sappy at the core, with beautiful balance, modest tannins and a very long, complex and flawlessly focused finish. Just a beautiful vintage for this consistently excellent wine. 2012-2025+. **91+**.

2010 Beaujolais “Coeur de Vendanges”- Domaine du Vissoux (Pierre-Marie Chermette)

Apparently Pierre-Marie Chermette has been making this bottling for many, many years, but the 2010 was the first time that I can recall having crossed paths with the wine. It is a deep, pure and absolutely superb young bottle of Beaujolais, offering up a deep and complex bouquet of black cherries, sweet cranberries, charred wood, a touch of gamebird, autumnal overtones and a lovely base of granite. On the palate the wine is deep, fullish, pure and very intensely flavored, with a sappy core of fruit, fine focus, modest tannins and outstanding length and grip on the still fairly reserved, tangy and soil-driven finish. Just a beautiful bottle in the making. 2013-2030. **92+**.

2010 Fleurie “Poncié”- Domaine du Vissoux (Pierre-Marie Chermette)

The 2010 Fleurie “Poncié” from Domaine du Vissoux is a stunning young wine, soaring from the glass in a very pure and perfectly balanced nose of black cherries, a touch of blueberry, vinesmoke, a complex base of soil, espresso, a touch of white pepper and a faint hint of cedar. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, complex and sappy at the core, with lovey acids, modest tannins and laser-like focus on the utterly suave, soil-driven and tangy finish. This is a beautiful bottle of Fleurie in the making that I like even better than the riper and more powerful 2009 version. This will be a cellar treasure in four or five years, though it will provide very good drinking before that time. High class juice! 2014-2035+. **94**.

2010 Fleurie “les Garants”- Domaine du Vissoux (Pierre-Marie Chermette)

The 2010 les Garants is a deeper and more soil-driven version of young Fleurie than the Poncié, but it shares the same stunning purity and precision on both the nose and palate. The excellent bouquet offers up scents of black cherries, cassis, violets, espresso, stony soil tones, vinesmoke, fresh herbs and a bit of new wood. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, pure and nascently complex, with great mid-palate depth, ripe tannins, superb focus and grip and a very, very long and tangy finish. This is another absolutely beautiful young bottle of Fleurie. 2017-2040+. **94**.



The famed Moulin-à-Vent in the distance- overlooking the vines of the appellation on a summer afternoon.

2010 Moulin-à-Vent “les Trois Koches”- Domaine du Vissoux (Pierre-Marie Chermette)

The 2010 Moulin-à-Vent “les Trois Koches” from Domaine du Vissoux is a beautiful wine in the making, offering up a deep and very suave nose of dark berries, cassis, tobacco smoke, black soil tones, a touch of licorice, nutskins and a deft framing of new wood. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and very pure on the attack, with a great core of fruit, superb soil signature, moderate tannins and a very long, tangy and palate-staining finish. This is a quintessential example of a soil-driven wine of superb intensity of flavor and no undue weight. A beautiful bottle of young Moulin-à-Vent! 2016-2040+. **94+**.