



BEAUJOLAIS



## *Réserve du Château de Pierreux Brouilly 2009*

### **Location**

Located at the foot of Mont Brouilly, the Château de Pierreux is one of the most beautiful residences in the Beaujolais. Centuries of history have shaped this 13th century fortified house which still boasts two of its original towers. Renovated several times over the centuries, its vaulted cellars date back to the 17th century while the main part of the building was constructed in the 19th century. The château's vineyards stretch across 77 hectares of granite-based soil composed of a mixture of sand, porphyry, schist and silica. Planted with Gamay grapes, the fabulous potential of the Château de Pierreux's terroir is expressed through the authenticity and individuality of its wines.

### **The vines**

Varietal: 100 % Gamay  
Density: 10,000 vines/ha  
Age of the vines: 80 years old  
Pruning: Gobelet (Ninon style)

### **Work philosophy**

- Environmentally friendly growing techniques are used and the soil is turned so as to minimize the use of herbicides. (De-earthing, scraping, use of grape hoe).
- Horses are used to work the narrowest and least accessible rows.
- Reasoned culture based on the observation of stocks during the vegetative cycle to limit at most intrants

### **Harvest**

Careful sorting in the vineyard and at the winery allows us to keep only the best grapes. The first day of harvests was fixed September 3rd!

Bays are very small, extremely colored, with strong and thick skin. Grapes are also selected for their optimal maturity with a natural potential degree of 15 - 16 %. It is an exceptional raw material!