

# Domaine ROCHETTE

Régnié



France

BURGUNDY  
Beaujolais

## OVERVIEW

Established in 1981, after several generations of winemaking, Domaine Rochette welcomes their newest generation Matthieu. He and his father Joël farm 15 hectares of vineyards planted with the Gamay grape to produce the different Cru's. The estate is located 300 meters in elevation on a hillside overlooking the Ardières Valley.

**Varieties:** Gamay Noir

**Total Acreage:** about 37 acres

**Average Production:** a tiny fraction of the elephant in the room

## VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- Family owned and farmed
- Cru's aged in Foudre
- Some Cru vines over 100 yrs old

## WINES

### 2010 Joël Rochette Beaujolais-Villages

Bright, tart red currant and sour cherry dominate the Rochette 2010 Beaujolais-Villages – from vines in Lancie – which offers juicy, refreshing penetration with some counterpoint and added invigoration from cherry pit and salt. I would plan to enjoy this over the coming year. **87 points**

—David Schildknecht, *The Wine Advocate*, # 196

### 2010 Joël Rochette Régnié

From vines averaging 40 years of age and planted just below their winery, the Rochettes' 2010 Regnie delivers a bright, vivacious, penetrating, even palate-cleansing profusion of red berries licked with salt and macerated with fruit pits – like a much more intense reprise of themes from their Beaujolais-Villages, except with added intensity and a strong suggestion of crushed stone in its finish. Plan to enjoy this in the course of the next couple of years. **89 points**

—David Schildknecht, *The Wine Advocate*, # 196

### 2010 Joël Rochette Morgon Les Micouds

Rochette's 2010 Morgon Les Micouds – from centenarian vines in the eponymous sector of that appellation, northeast of the Côte de Py – delivers smoked meat and fresh, tart red fruits laced with juniper berry and black pepper for a penetratingly piquant and invigorating performance. There is an admirable sense of density that by no means precludes lift and refreshment. Look for 3-4 years of interest. **89 points**

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## ACCOLADES

“Matthieu Rochette showed me a complete collection from his family's 37-acre estate north of Régnié-Durette. With the exception of their Beaujolais-Villages and “regular” bottling of Regnie, all of the Rochettes' wines spend at least several months in foudre. The harvest in 2010 began only in the last week of September, and the resultant collection – while very different in personality – occasionally challenges that of 2009 (about which I wrote in issue 190), *confirming the products of this estate (albeit in lieu of 2010 U.S. retail prices) as sources of outstanding value.*

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