

Le Gamaret

Region

Vin de France

Winemaker notes

Developed in Switzerland in 1970, Gamaret is a crossing of Gamay and Reichensteiner, a German white grape. It shares similar traits to Gamay, but with deeper color and greater structure. It was only authorized for planting in Beaujolais in 2008. Less than 1000 acres of vines are planted globally, mostly in Switzerland.

Vintage Notes

2017 Vintage: A vintage that saw just about everything Mother Nature could throw at it. A warm spring forced an early bud break, which left grapes vulnerable to the spring frost that hit in May. The spring frost was followed by violent hailstorms at the beginning of summer coupled with drought conditions throughout the growing season. Just before harvest, rainfall came and brought with it welcome freshness and provided vines some balance to finish ripening optimally without excessive stress. Due to frost coupled by drought conditions, crop load was low and berry size was small, resulting in low yields but very good concentration. The wines are balanced with sufficient structure and freshness for medium term aging.

2016 Vintage: A cool spring temperatures led to a later-than-average bud break, which proved to be a blessing in disguise as a major hailstorm swept through the region in late May decimating about 2000 hectares. Had bud break happened on schedule, the result of this metrological event could've been much worse. A moderate, dry summer, with cool nights, continued through September offering the estate ideal conditions for harvest. The 2016 vintage can be compared most recently to 2014 in terms of freshness, elegance and structure, with riper fruit character (but not as ripe as 2015) to provide a bit of voluptuousness on the palate.

Wine	Le Gamaret
Estate	Chateau de Durette
Varietal	100% Gamaret
Region	Vin de France
Vine Age	9 years
Soil	Granitic sand
Farming	Sustainable/traditional
Fermentation	Traditional fermentation in cement. 25% whole cluster, 75% destemmed fruit.
Aging	Cement
Alcohol	13%

