

Jump in quality the real Beaujolais story

Nouveau aside, the real Beaujolais story is what is going on today across the French wine growing region and the apparent jump in quality, especially among the crus.

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Louis Latour Gamay Bourgogne 2016 Burgundy, France

Gamay from declassified Beaujolais Crus can use the term Bourgogne Gamay as of the 2011 vintage, as is the case with this Louis Latour. It is 85 to 90 per cent cru (mostly Chenas, Regnie and Moulin-a-Vent) with 10 per cent Pinot Noir from Burgundy. The nose is showing a bit of mushroom and oak with brighter fruits underneath. The attack is fresh, with bright red fruit and a splash of pepper licorice and black tea in the finish. Richer than Beaujolais Village and not quite as cerebral as Cru Bojo. Great mid-week red with ham or sausages.

