

# Stephen Tanzer's INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR



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## Château de Beauregard, Cru Beaujolais By Josh Reynolds

Included among the 89 acres of the Château de Beauregard estate vineyards are nearly 20 acres of exceptional Crus in the Beaujolais. These holdings – in Fleurie, Moulin à Vent, Morgon and Saint Amour – often feature extremely old vines, and production is very limited. Winemaking for these cuvées is done in traditional, 'Burgundian' style, with whole-cluster fermentation and extended maceration before pressing. The wines are aged partly in small barrels, and are bottled gently with little or no filtration if possible. These wines are made traditionally and are **very serious examples**, giving immediate pleasure but promising improvement with age.

### SAINT-AMOUR "CÔTE DE BESSET"

2007 Vintage **90**

Bright red. Suave, mineral-accented aromas of strawberry and raspberry, with notes of talc and blood orange adding complexity. Nerve and finely focused, offering vivid red berry flavors and an underpinning of tangy minerality. Finishes with brisk cut and very good snap, repeating the raspberry note. This is balanced to age but already delicious

### MOULIN À VENT "CLASSIQUE"

2007 Vintage **88**

Medium red. Red berries and cherry on the nose, with subtle mineral and floral notes adding complexity. Spicy and focused, offering light-bodied red fruit flavors and a tart note of orange peel. Very tightly wound initially but aeration brought up more sweetness; the finish is smooth, sappy and nicely persistent.

### FLEURIE "COLONIES DE ROCHEGRÈS"

2007 Vintage **88**

Bright red. Musky cherry and redcurrant aromas are complemented by notes of dried herbs and violet. Chewy dark fruit flavors are a touch meaty, with dusty tannins firming the finish. A sweeter red berry note emerges on the aftertaste of this nicely persistent wine.

### MOULIN À VENT "LA SALOMINE"

2007 Vintage **88**

Medium fading red. Dried red berries, plum and spice aromas are complemented by subtle floral quality. Firm red fruit show a slightly roasted quality and are framed by silky tannins. A tangy blood orange note comes up on the finish, which is focused if slightly tart.

### FLEURIE "CLASSIQUE"

2007 Vintage **87**

Lightish red. Red berries, brown spices and underbrush on the nose. Tangy, light-bodied redcurrant and bitter cherry flavors are underscored by a musky herbal note, along with hints of bitter chocolate and smoked meat.

### MOULIN À VENT "CLOS DES PÉRELLES"

2006 Vintage **90**

Bright purple. Sexy, perfumed bouquet of black raspberry, cola, cinnamon, clove and potpourri. Silky, sweet red and dark berry flavors are impressively focused, with strong spicy character on the back end. Finishes with refreshing mineral snap and lingering cinnamon and cola notes.

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