

## ARNAUD COMBIER 2021 PREMIÈRES GOUTTES

*Arnaud Combiere has been a long-time fixture in the natural wine scene in southern Burgundy, beginning with his first richly-textured, no-sulfites Saint-Véran bottlings more than twenty years ago. Today, he collaborates with like-minded, organic growers on an exciting new lineup of micro-negoce wines from the Mâconnais, Beaujolais, and beyond.*

### VINEYARDS

5 hectares in the commune of Lanciè (southeast of Fleurie and Chiroubles). Vines range from 10 to 60+ years in age. Organically farmed (in 3<sup>rd</sup> year of organic conversion). Granite soils. From the lieux dit "Les Marans".

"Premières Gouttes" (meaning "First Drops") was the very first release of the Arnaud Combiere micro-negoce project.

### APPELLATION

AOP Beaujolais Villages

### COMPOSITION

100% Gamay

### VITICULTURE

From 10 to 60 year-old vines with classic "en Gobelet" training. 3<sup>rd</sup> year of organic conversion. Manual harvest. Yields of just 1.47 tons/acre.

### WINEMAKING

Whole-cluster fermentation with native yeasts. Semi-Carbonic maceration. No enzymes/sulfites/additions in vinification. 7-14 days on the skins then matured on the fine lees in concrete tanks. Bottled with a touch of sulfur.

### ALCOHOL

13.5%

### TASTING NOTES

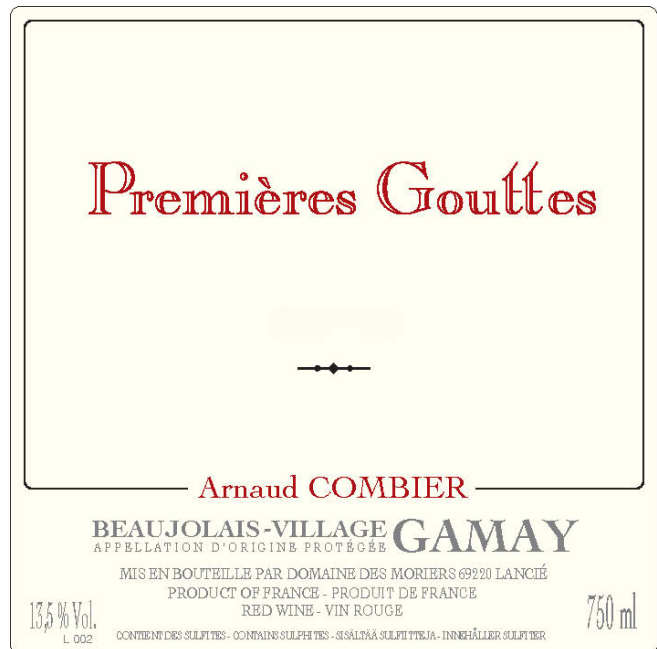
Fresh, expressive aromas of ripe, red fruit with hints of pepper and juniper berry on the nose. Round and expansive on the palate, ending with a lingering finish of licorice and blackberries. A concentrated and well-structured wine that is also very approachable.

### SERVE WITH

Excellent on its own, with a wide range of charcuterie, and dishes like Peking duck and Char Siu pork. Can be enjoyed with a slight chill.

### ACCOLADES

**90 pts, "The 2020 Premières Gouttes (100% Gamay) is solid, with a feral edge to its ripe black cherry and plum fruit as well as peppery herbs, lavender, and underbrush-driven aromas and flavors. Ripe, soft, up-front and ready to go, it's a solid wine to enjoy over the coming 3-5 years."** – JD, JebDunnuck.com, 8/23 (2020 vintage).



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