Chateau du Pizay
Morgon “Les Sybarites”

Vintage: 2016

Moderately dense garnet with broad purple rim. Beautiful, clean and youthful aroma dominated by mature black cherry, black raspberry and a faint peppery note. The palate again speaks of healthy dark berries, and the wine is textured and well-endowed, medium bodied plus. The wine’s flesh and fruit conceal the structure at first, particularly the acid frame typical of the 2013 vintage. The unusual oak regime is not only highly imaginative but also has been handled with skill, refining and polishing this exceptional, sensual Morgon: The wine was matured for 12 months in six 2,500-liter foudres, each fabricated by a different cooper from differing oaks. Clearly deserving of the gold medal won at the 2014 competition of the Vignerons Indépendants. - RB

Grape Varietal: Gamay
Vine age: 55 years
Region: Beaujolais
Appellation: Morgon
Soils: Granite sand and alluvial
Manual grape-picking. The whole grapes are gathered in vats (no crushing, no destemming). Controlled temperature: 18-28° C. Cooling after pressing. Malolactic fermentation done after the end of the alcoholic fermentation.

Maturing in stainless steel tanks. Fining with egg-whites. Natural tartaric stabilizing thanks to the cold winter temperature. 25% of the crop is kept for a while in new oak casks.

2016 90 Points - Wine Enthusiast - Roger Voss
2015 91 Points - Wine Enthusiast - Roger Voss

This wine has a firm structure as well as plenty of fruit. The wine’s acidity, crisp red-currant fruit and bright character are balanced by the firm, smoky and dry tannins. Give this structure time to soften and fill out into a ripe wine. Drink from 2019.

The Chateau de Pizay is one of the oldest and most famous estates of the Beaujolais region. Since the Middle Ages the fine wines of the Château de Pizay have been appreciated by Beaujolais-lovers. The oldest records date to 1030, the keep was built in the 14th Century and the classic formal gardens were added in the 18th Century.

The Chateau is now a luxurious hotel, with a fine restaurant and visitors are able to visit the magnificent old cellars that have hosted many famous banquets. The Chateau and grounds are beautifully maintained including a sculpted hedge garden.