

# MERRIMAN'S

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## WINES BY THE GLASS

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**Jean-Paul Brun, Gamay "Terres Dorées, L'Ancien", Beaujolais, France, 2021 \$17/gls, \$68/btl**



Since 1979, Jean-Paul Brun has been silently and diligently producing deliciously atypical Beaujolais wines in his hometown of Charnay in the southern part of the region. Using the warmer climate and limestone-driven soil to his advantage, Brun chooses to forgo the region's prevalent chaptalization (sugar added to underripe grapes to increase alcohol) and carbonic maceration (which gives most Beaujolais reds their fruity, banana bread-like character) in favor of traditional Burgundian winemaking.

As such, this smells and tastes far different than basic supermarket "Bojo" and bears almost zero resemblance to Thanksgiving-favorite Beaujolais Nouveau. It is poised and complex, yet lighthearted enough for the everyday drinker.

- **Grape:**  
100% gamay, from 40- to 60-year-old vines
- **Winemaking:**  
One-month maceration with skins. Malolactic fermentation in concrete vats. Aged in concrete vats for 6 months.
- **Profile:**  
Plush and pretty, palate party. Lively, fleshy, cool and crunchy. Cranberries and juicy cherries, meltingly soft tannins, and almost citrusy acidity.
- **Pair With:**