

Carra Beaujolais-Villages Nouveau

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France - Burgundy - Beaujolais Villages Nouveau AOC

Beaujolais Nouveau originated about a century ago as a 'vin de l'année' - a cheap and cheerful drink produced by locals to celebrate the end of the harvest season. The Beaujolais AOC was established in 1937, and after WWII, the wine was sold outside of the area. By the 1970's, Beaujolais Nouveau day was a national event.

The region of Beaujolais is 34 miles long from north to south, and 7 to 9 miles wide. There are nearly 4,000 grape growers who make their living in this picturesque region just north of France's third largest city, Lyon.

The Gamay grapes that go into Beaujolais Nouveau are handpicked, as are all the grapes in the Beaujolais. Beaujolais & Champagne are the only vineyards where hand harvesting is mandatory. Gamay (Gamay noir Jus Blanc) is the only grape permitted for Beaujolais.

Beaujolais Nouveau cannot be made from grapes grown in the 10 crus (great growths) of Beaujolais; only from grapes coming from the appellations of Beaujolais and Beaujolais-Villages. Approximately 1/3 of the entire crop of the Beaujolais region is sold as Beaujolais Nouveau.

Nouveau is made with carbonic maceration, or whole-berry fermentation. This technique preserves the fresh, fruity quality of the grapes without extracting bitter tannins from the grape skins.

The Beaujolais Villages Nouveau is deeper red, with flavors reminiscent of strawberries and roses, plus a mineral component. Fragrant and medium bodied; refreshing with a tart finish. Beaujolais Villages Nouveau is meant to be consumed young, within 5-7 months.



Specifications

Appellation	Beaujolais Villages Nouveau AOC
Varietals	Gamay
Soil type	schist/granite
Vinification	Carbonic maceration (whole berry fermentation). Twice per day pump over; 4-6 days alcoholic fermentation, then pressing. Pressed juice is mixed with free-run juice in the vat, then malolactic fermentation before bottling.
Pairings	Beaujolais-Nouveau has been very popular with almost every Thanksgiving dish - from turkey to ham, green beans to mashed potatoes, and gravy to cranberry sauce.

Codes, Weights and Measures

UPC	7 84585 00308 2
Units/Case	12
Unit Size	750 mL
Container	bottle
SCC	1 07 84585 00308 9
Case Weight	32

Cases/Pallet	55
Layers/Pallet	11
SRP	\$ 20.50 USD 750mL Bottle