

Vertical tasting of Moulin a Vent au Michleon with Mee Godard, London, 09/07/25

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Introduction to Mee

A winemaker of Japanese and Korean descent, Mee set up shop in Beaujolais in 2012 after years of working in a variety of wineries from small-scale and more artisanal to large co-ops through Burgundy, Champagne and Oregon. She speaks to this broad spectrum of experience as ultimately helping her to fulfil her dream of making ageworthy wines from Gamay, a grape she loves. Mee believed the underappreciated terroir of Beaujolais would make the perfect location for her endeavours.

In the vineyard and the cellar

Today she works with old vine plots; 5ha in Morgon and a small parcel in Moulin a Vent. In the vineyard farming is organic and vines retain the traditional bushvine training. *Moulin a Vent au Michelin* is a south facing site on decomposed pink granite and sandy soil structures. Vines are over 80 years old and yields are correspondingly low but concentrated and pristine. Mee avoids carbonic maceration and predominantly destems. Fermentation takes place in concrete vessels, before aging in neutral oak barrels for gentle maturation. The resulting wines really reflect their vintage with a dark fruit core, mineral graphite notes and a lot of spice. Below are notes on the vintages we tasted – 2017 to 2022.

2022 Moulin a Vent au Michelin

Vintage

A challenging harvest; a very hot and dry year with fruit ripening early. Mee mentioned that some fruit was gaining sugar levels of 12.50% abv as early on as mid-August, so fruit was picked as early as possible to retain freshness.

Tasting Notes

A very immediate wine, full of dark fruits, chocolate and spice. Notes of blackberry, fermented black plumb, five spice and a light graphite note. More on the full bodied side with good smooth tannins and bright acidity just keeping everything in check.

2021 Moulin a Vent au Michelin

Vintage

Slightly cooler than 2022 with rainfall that fortunately stopped in July just in time to ensure a regular harvest. Frost and hail also restricted yields but balanced fruit with good concentration was the result.

Tasting Notes

Really bright red and black fruits, more defined and neat. Good and fresh acidity with notes of blackcurrants, black cherry, plums and very subtle well integrated spice. Low tannins and medium body, very moreish.

2020 Moulin a Vent au Michelin

Vintage

Another hot, dry vintage; grapes were picked early to retain freshness. Yields were low but concentration of fruit was good and balanced wines were made.

Tasting Notes

This felt slightly lighter on its feet than 2021, with a real pencil lead graphite note predominant. The black fruits felt very polished, black cherry, black plum and blackcurrant. A blackcurrant leaf undertone provided nice freshness with a distinct new leather note.

2019 Moulin a Vent au Michelin

Vintage

Frost and hailstorms led to low yields in this vintage. Fruit in the Crus with free draining soils show potential for high quality balanced wines.

Tasting Notes

There was a real stemmy freshness with this expression. Blackcurrant leaf, blueberries, good vibrant acidity and light body/tannins. Really tasty and bright, this felt like more of a summer style wine. Very well balanced and harmonious however.

2018 Moulin a Vent au Michelin

Vintage

This year was hot and dry and provided a lot of potential for wines with structure, power, and finesse.

Tasting Notes

Reminiscent of the power of the 2022 but more honed, rounded and balanced. Lots of pure dark fruits, leathery and a prominent gamey note. Well integrated tannins and good structure.

2017 Moulin a Vent au Michelin

Vintage

A slightly cooler year with good dry and sunny months leading to harvest.

Tasting Notes

Pure black and blue fruits, some bruised fruit notes. Graphite freshness with a real elegance and brightness. Very well made wine in a nice drinking window showing balance and harmony and what her wines are all about. Dark fruits up front with underlying layers of mineral, spice and freshness.

Personal Highlights

- 2017 Harmony, balance, elegance
- 2018 Power; well honed, full but balanced
- 2019 Very harmonious, bright, fresh