

# The 2020 Vintage from Domaine Jean-Claude Lapalu

Jean-Claude Lapalu is among the most respected and revered growers in Beaujolais, a darling of the Paris wine scene and a leader in the so-called Natural Wine movement in France. He has been bottling his own wines since 1995 from vines, mostly very old, scattered around Mont Brouilly, the southernmost Cru in Beaujolais.

The farming here is all organic with mostly Biodynamic practices incorporated. In most vintages, his wines see no sulfur during the élévage with only minimal doses being used at bottling, when deemed necessary. The resulting wines are lively, supple, sinuous and utterly delicious. He is playing an important role in the Beaujolais Renaissance by both honoring local wine-making traditions and continually pushing the envelope.

We are excited to offer his wines to you in time for the holidays.

#### 2020 Jean-Claude Lapalu Beaujolais-Villages Vieilles Vignes \$26

Dark violet. Spice-tinged red and dark berries, licorice and a hint of smokiness on the pungent nose and in the mouth. Broad and chewy in texture, showing good heft and a floral quality that emerges with air. Terrific BVVV and a tremendous value.

#### 2020 Jean-Claude Lapalu Brouilly Vieilles Vignes \$32

A big sister to the Bojo-Villages, this Cru Brouilly has a gorgeous perfume dominated by cherry aromas, which is often a characteristic of Brouilly. This is a more delicate and nuanced counterpart to its Cote de Brouilly neighbor. Complex and ethereal, Lapalu's Brouilly VV is for the Pinot-loving Beaujolais drinker.

#### 2020 Jean-Claude Lapalu Côte de Brouilly \$40

Lapalu's Cote de Brouilly is a more structured, mineral-driven and concentrated Cru Beaujolias. With smoky aromas and a density of fruit on the palate, this is a bit on the more rustic end of the Gamay spectrum.

## 2020 Jean-Claude Lapalu Alma Mater \$56

Inky and black with dark cherry aromas and flavors. Structured and detailed, Alma Mater is a distinct creation unto itself and an outlier in the Lapalu lineup. It was a result of "alcohol-infused brainstorming" and has become a darling of the natural wine congnescenti. A mere 250 cases produced.

## And for the holidays why not a Lapalu 4-Pack?

These four purchased seperately are \$154. Renegade is offering our Lapalu 4-Pack for \$132 until we are sold out. Great as a gift, perfect for the cellar, wonderful for the holiday table.

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## **Happy Holidays!**

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