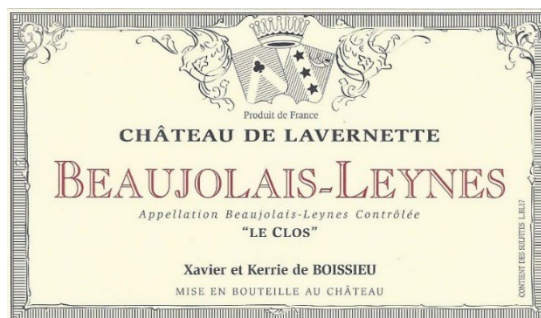


# Château de Lavernette Beaujolais



## Beaujolais Leynes “Le Clos” 2022

*Rosehip-dusted black cherry, red currant and strawberry jam swing dance on the palate wearing a crown of cherry blossoms. Mouthwatering acidity gives way to chalky black plum and a long minerally finish. Decant and drink now, or let the tannins soften naturally and drink from 2025 onwards.*

**91 pts**– Reggie Solomon, Cellar Selection, Wine Enthusiast, October 2024

*The le Clos bottling of Beaujolais-Leynes from Château de Lavernette is their old vine cuvée, with these vines having been planted in 1957, 1961 and 1967! The bunches are most destemmed and the wine is raised in traditional old oak foudres prior to bottling. The 2022 version is absolutely stunning, soaring from the glass in a mix of black cherries, black plums, raw cocoa, gamebird, a complex base of soil tones, just a touch of whole cluster-derived fresh thyme and plenty of upper register smokiness. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and sappy at the core, with stunning fruit tones, a lovely foundation of soil, moderate, fine-grained tannins and superb balance on the long, complex and utterly gorgeous finish. This is as good as virtually any Cru bottling in this outstanding vintage! The wine is certainly delicious right out of the blocks, but there is enough depth here that it probably deserves to be tucked away in the cellar for at least a few years to allow its secondary layers of complexity to emerge. Great juice. 2024-2050.*

**93+ pts**– John Gilman, View from the Cellar, July-August 2024

## Beaujolais Leynes “Le Clos” 2021

*The intense licorice aroma with a hint of youthful funk make this an expressive wine, but it has impressive concentration and elegance on the sleek and finely-nuanced palate. Long finish with a delicate citrus peel character and plenty of wet stone minerality. Just beginning a long life. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.*

**91 pts**– Stuart Pigott, jamessuckling.com, February 2023