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2023 Château Thivin Côte de Brouilly La Chapelle France

94+

\$30



Nobody makes Côte de Brouilly as good as Château Thivin, and their 2023 La Chapelle shows that Gamay can produce wine just as enthralling as Pinot Noir.

The 2023 Côte de Brouilly La Chapelle was the last to be picked as it tends to have natural acidity from growing at the top of the hill. The vines are located just above Les Griottes on a 50% slope. This has another very complex bouquet that oddly reminds me of a Morey-Saint-Denis (different region, different grape, I know, but...) The palate has noticeable acidity on the entry, with layers of pure graphite-tinged red fruit. This is tensile from start to finish with a very minerally finish that fans out wonderfully. Is it as good as the 2022? Yes. The 2023 might even surpass it.

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