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Juicy Beaujolais

For readers looking for something fresher and lighter than California chardonnay, pinot noir or cabernet sauvignon, Beaujolais offers a useful counterpoint this week. James and Marie often open Beaujolais when they want something fruity, direct and satisfying, and the best bottles in this report underline why the region remains one of the most drinkable sources of characterful red wine.

We tasted 184 Beaujolais over the last two months, giving a broad view of two very different recent vintages. Most of the wines were from 2024, a wet and cold year that produced generally fresh, light and transparent reds with bright fruit, crisp acidity and moderate alcohol. The best wines show purity and precision rather than weight, with the top crus carrying the vintage's energy without feeling thin.

Among the highest-rated 2024s were the Château Thivin Côte de Brouilly Cuvée Zaccharie,

Domaine de Boischamppt Juliéнас Les 4 Cerisiers and Domaine de la Grand Cour Fleurie, **all rated 95 points.**

Domaine de la Grand Cour's Fleurie Tous Ensemble (95) also showed the clarity and

aromatic lift that made the best 2024s compelling.

Other strong bottles came from Dominique Piron, Michel Guignier, Domaine Dupré-Goujon, Domaine Les Capréoles and Laura Lardy, underlining the consistency across Morgon, Fleurie, Brouilly, Juliéнас and Côte de Brouilly.



Tasting Manager Kevin Davy tasted the layered and chiseled Château Thivin Côte de Brouilly Cuvée Zaccharie 2024 in our Hong Kong office.

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