DOMAINE BONNET-COTTON CÔTE DE BROUILLY 100% COTTON

100% Gamay. Intense and complex aromas of cherry, raspberry, spices and cocoa. Ample and fresh with acid for days, tart fruit-forwardness and fine tannins. Long, delicious finish. The Côte de Brouilly 100% Cotton was the first cuvée Pierre made and remains the emblematic wine of the domaine - a structured, powerful Gamay that magically retains the easy drinking bonhomie of the best wines of the Beaujolais. Organic.

Located just next to the winery in Odenas, Cotton's parcel of Côte de Brouilly is on a unique terroir of *corne verte* (pink granite & blue diorite) that Pierre says is found nowhere else in the Beaujolais. The vineyard is 2.5 acres. The vines are an average of 65 years old. The grapes are harvested by hand. Spontaneous fermentation in cement tanks with indigenous yeasts. Aged 8-12 months in wood. Unfined/unfiltered.

Pierre Cotton's family has been farming & producing wine at the same cellar in Odenas, in Beaujolais France, since 1856 (today he and his partner Marine are the sole producers to make wine here). After working for a short stint as a motorcycle mechanic, Pierre decided to become an oenologist at the age of 20 and spent two years in the Loire Valley before returning to the domaine. Legend has it that their large cave, with its cavernous cellars, was built in the 1700s. In 2014, Pierre reclaimed 1 hectare of Côte de Brouilly for his first cuvée called- 100% Cotton. In 2020, Pierre's partner Marine Bonnet officially joined the domaine. Marine has a background as an agronomist specialized in viticulture, and Pierre and Marine now manage both the vineyards and winemaking together. Their wines are all farmed organically & made without any sulfur. All of the red wines (100% Gamay, from vines 50-70 years old) are vinified with native yeasts in concrete tanks, then aged underground in century-old foudres that were originally built for holding beer & repurposed in the 1950s-60s.

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Tasting Note:

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