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A first glimpse of the young crop: a Berrod vine in full flower on June 8, 2005. Assuming the summer weather continues to be fine, harvest usually takes place about September 15th, 100 days from flowering. This is an ideal time-frame for great vintage.



The Beaujolais-Villages vineyard is on the plain in the village of Lancia. The soil is a mixture of granite and clay. This is also the source of the Nouveau bottling.



Above and below, winemaker Andre Berrod (in the red shorts) training the vines in the Fleurie vineyard. Note the south-facing slope. This work must be done by hand due to the steepness of the slope.



At left, the Moulin a Vent vineyard in the commune of Romaneche-Thorins. The windmill is visible in the background. This is a south-facing slope on granite and manganese soil, which lends structure and body to the wine.





At left, a December view of slope of Berrod's Fleurie vineyard, with the village in the valley to the west. The vines here and below are 40 years of age.

Directly below, the very well-exposed Fleurie slope, looking North towards Moulin a Vent, with its windmill visible in background. Grass is planted between the rows to prevent erosion and maintain a healthy environment in the vineyard, thus naturally preventing vine and leaf maladies.



Beaujolais Villages vines surround the Domaine's hilltop building (shown at left) . The majority of the Berrod holdings are on well -exposed hillsides. The domaine's deeply ripe and flavorful wines have their origins in these superb vineyards.

At right, hand harvesting and selection of berries for the Beaujolais-Villages.



At left, the Berrod family hand sorting the grapes on a *table de tri* before Vinification. This is done to ensure that only perfectly ripe and healthy grapes are used; less than optimal fruit is discarded.



Andre not only makes the wine, he helps to sell it, too. At left, he is at a local fair also featuring regional foods. At right, the same Andre on the streets of New York City in late November, after the delivery of his Nouveau. Note the bag in his left hand.