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*Laurent Chevalier,
winemaker at Henry Fessy*

Henry Fessy in Beaujolais was showing the new 2016 vintage that is a classic style closer to 2014 than the warm, rich, powerful style of 2015 (that 2017 is close to incidentally). Winemaker Laurent Chevalier showed his Beaujolais-Villages 2016 (light, crispy, nice depth) and the more complex Château des Reysniers Régnié 2016 (violets, forward tannins) from this vintage.



His Winemaker's Favourite was the Château des Labourons 2015 that he uses 10% of oak-aged Gamay in the blend, the result is a much richer and brooding wine with notes of leather, spice and liquorice. The Not Your Average Bottle was the more classic Brouilly 2015 in magnum which at £21.16 you can file under 'a steal'. It is the wine that Fessy is most known for (even though they have all the Beaujolais crus) and this, along with the Fleurie 2015, was ripe, delicious and unbelievable value.