

# TastingZone

## France

### Beaujolais Villages, Château du Basty, France 2006

£6.99+ Oddbins, Tanners (as  
Château de Chassantour)

The splendid 2005 vintage was a tough act to follow for Beaujolais, but here's evidence that the best wines will still be worth seeking out. Château du Basty is one of the oldest estates in the region, and has been in Gilles Perroud's family since 1482. There's a little bit of Chardonnay, but the bulk of the 17ha estate is planted with Gamay for Régnié, the youngest Beaujolais cru, and Beaujolais Villages. This cuvée is a lithe, young wine, brimming with cherry and raspberry flavours, and sporting a tangy, earthy finish. Barbecue wine for grown-ups.

Drink 2007-2009

88 points

