



# DOMAINE FRÉDÉRIC MABILEAU "LES ROUILLÈRES" SAINT NICOLAS DE BOURGUEIL 2015



Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil, feel free to shorten it to St Nicolas, is the tiniest of the Cabernet Franc's appellation of the Loire. With only 2,500 acres and 140 producers it represent half of Chinon's area of appellation. An ocean of vine on the original wine river bed, that's what make St Nicolas the most precise expression of the varietal and the most delicate too.

Frédéric & Nathalie are like family to us, for 6 years I had the pride to be Frédéric's right-hand-man and he became my mentor. It's such a joy to be able to say "we" when speaking of this wine, because we designed it the way it is now. I now every single thing that come in the making of this cuvée and I can guarantee you that every single step is respected to provide you with the brightest expression of the Cabernet Franc variety.

## SOIL TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

It consists of a wide terrace of old silt deposits, with deep soil made of sand and gravel. Single parcel called "Les Rouillères" at the western part of the village.

## VARIETAL \_\_\_\_\_

100% Cabernet Franc. 37 years-old vines in average.

## CULTURE \_\_\_\_\_

Certified organic since 2010. In conversion to Biodynamic.  
Traditional working of the soil. No pesticides nor herbicides used.  
Manual harvesting in small cases.

## VINIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

Accurate selection of the grapes in two consecutive sorting table. Conveyance of the grapes by elevator belt. No crushing happens from the vine to the vat.  
Cold pre-fermentary maceration and fermentation in thermoregulated stainless steel vat with natural yeast. No racking but regular pump-over.  
4 months ageing in stainless steel vats. Natural stabilization at cold temperature. Two clarification of the wine before bottling in the spring.

## TASTING NOTES \_\_\_\_\_

Forget the taste of the unripe Cabernet Franc, Green pepper has never been the key flavor of this refine grape, except when you deal with bad winegrowers. This alluvium Terroir develops the genuine character of the Cabernet Franc variety which is all about violet and small red berries with a nice hint of spice. Saint Nicolas, shortcut for this long appellation, is probably the purest expression of this grape especially with the precision of one the star of the Loire.

*Other wines from the same estate:  
"Chenin des Rouillères" Anjou Blanc  
"Racines" Bourgueil  
"Coutures" Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil*

