



## DOMAINE FRÉDÉRIC MABILEAU "COUTURES" SAINT NICOLAS DE BOURGUEIL 2013



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 genuine 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.

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### SOIL TYPE

Two parcels for a total of 5 acres called "Coutures", on sand and gravel, & "Clos Lorioux" on clay and limestone.

### VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Franc. 44 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 alcoholic fermentation in thermoregulated stainless steel vat with natural yeast. No racking but regular pump-over. Malolactic fermentation in 2 to 3 years old 600 liters French oak barrels. Ageing of 10 month on fine lies in the same oak barrels without racking.

### TASTING NOTES

Coutures is showcasing the delicacy that Cabernet Franc is all about. The surprisingly deep and rich texture is nicely balanced by a gentle of acidity. The oak is perfectly integrated and underline some lively spicy notes. The fruit is bright and go back and force between red-currant and blackberry. The lingering finish will allow you to understand what Cabernet Franc is really capable of.

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

