



DOMAINE FRÉDÉRIC MABILEAU
"CHENIN DES ROUILLÈRES" ANJOU BLANC 2015



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 Chenin Blanc variety.

It was a project that was close to our heart, planting Chenin Blanc in the sandy and gravely terrace just outside of the village of Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil were Frédéric transcends the capacity of Cabernet Franc. This tiny parcel is separated by a dirt road also the border between the Touraine and the Anjou. I planted these vines and saw them growing out of the ground, Frédéric, Nathalie and I wanted it to be a bright and crystalline expression of the varietal and of course our dream came through... Another masterpiece by the master himself!

SOIL TYPE _____

A single parcel of 1.3 acres on the gravely terrace of the former Loire riverbed. 250 cases produced a year and only 21 cases of this vintage brought in the US.

VARIETAL _____

100% Chenin Blanc. 8 years-old vines.

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. Pneumatic pressing with full clusters.
 Fermentation at cold temperature in stainless steel. No malolactic fermentation.
 Ageing in stainless steel on the fine lees with no batonnage. Bottles in the spring with no filtration.

TASTING NOTES _____

Discover the true identity of Loire Chenin Blanc with an outstanding line of acidity providing an elegant backbone to this wine. The fruit is true to the grape but displaying the ripest side of it with pear and marzipan. The mouth-watering long lasting finish will just call you back for more. Another wine true to the man, Frédéric search for purity is endless and this wine is one more success.

Other wines from the same estate:
"Les Rouillères" Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil
"Coutures" Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil
"Racines" Bourgueil

