



DOMAINE FRÉDÉRIC MABILEAU "RACINES" BOURGUEIL 2014



Bourgueil & Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil used to be both under the same entity until 1937 when the two villages splited to become two separate appellations. Easy to understand when tasting them side-by-side, when Saint Nicolas' wines are perfumy and fruit driven, Bourgueil wines are denser and deliver a deeper expression of the varietal. It's their Terroir that makes them so distinct; Saint Nicolas is based on a single terrace of alluvium from the former Loire river bed when Bourgueil is composed of 7 different villages located mostly on a clay and "tuffeau" limestone hillside with a gentle declivity.

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 _____

One single parcel of 4 acres located in the village of Chouzé-sur-Loire

VARIETAL _____

100% Cabernet Franc. 42 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 followed by 18 days of traditional maceration. Alcoholic fermentation in thermoregulated stainless steel vat with natural yeast. Malolactic fermentation in 3 to 4 years-old 600 liters French oak barrels. Ageing of 10 month on fine lies in the same oak barrels without racking.

TASTING NOTES _____

Racines, "Roots" in French, is a tribute to Frederic's ancestor, this parcel being the first he remembered harvesting with his great-grandfather Remy. Explore the deeper expression of the Cabernet Franc variety yet keeping some extremely silky tannin. Hint of Blueberry, gentle spice dominated by white pepper, always balanced by a gentle acidity backbone.



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