



DOMAINE FREDERIC MABILEAU

"SANS LES MAINS" VIN DE FRANCE 2022



30 years-old Remy Mabileau, following the accidental death of his dad Frédéric in 2020, is now, with his mom Nathalie, in charge of the estate. His vision is anchored into the natural wine approach following the footsteps of his father with whom he worked closely for 4 years.

The 35 hectares estate located in Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil, Bourgueil, Anjou and Saumur is certified organic since 2007 and Biodynamic since 2018. All the grapes are harvested by hand to find the utmost purity of fruits. Their search of Terroir expression is combined with an exciting wave of plantations and preservation of rare varieties from the Loire with Grolleau or Pineau d'Aunis but also from other parts of France with Trousseau or Savagnin.

"Sans les Mains", translating as "Without the hands" or "Bottoms up!", is a given name intended to describe the quaffable character of this cuvee. You'll understand the implied reference to the high wheeler on the front label that drives itself without the hands.

SOIL TYPE _____

1.5 acres tiny parcel on white clay.

VARIETAL _____

100% Pineau d'Aunis.

Pineau d'Aunis, or Chenin Noir, is an indigenous grape to the Loire that predates Cab Franc by 200 years. Close to extinction 30 years ago, for its complex growing cycle, it regains fame on the last decade. Loire has now a great resource of old vines, few being even "Franc de pied"

CULTURE _____

Certified organic by Ecocert. Certified Biodynamic by Biodyvin.

Traditional working of the soil. No pesticides. No herbicides. No phytosanitary products. Manual harvesting in small cases. Accurate selection on sorting tables.

VINIFICATION _____

100% destemmed. 6 days maceration with indigenous yeasts. Soft extraction by regular pump over. Ageing 6 months in old oak Foudre. No use of SO2 until the bottling (15mg/L).

Limited production of 400 cases (12pk) of 750ml and 33 cases (6pk) of 1500ml.

TASTING NOTES _____

Savory flavors on the nose dominated by white pepper and dried herbs. Deeply fruited aromas of Sour cherry, red currant and more pepper. Nervy and refreshing finish with a pure mineral-acidity persistence.

Other wines from the same estate:

"Chenin des Rouillères" Anjou Blanc 2022

"Chenin du Puy" Saumur Blanc 2018

"Racines" Bourgueil 2020

"Fred" Carbo Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil 2022

