



DOMAINE FRÉDÉRIC MABILEAU "LES ROUILLÈRES" SAINT NICOLAS DE BOURGUEIL 2023



30 years-old Remy Mabileau, following the accidental death of his dad Frédéric in 2020, is now in charge of the estate. His vision is anchored into the natural wine approach following the footsteps of his father with whom he worked for the past 4 years. As a friend of the family (I worked 6 years at the estate from 2003-2009) I was there to witness this painful transition and this young man impressed me with his maturity and the result of his first vintage 2020 in this context is brilliant. His dad would be proud...

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 represents half of Chinon's area of appellation. An ocean of vine on the original wine river bed, that's what makes St Nicolas the most precise expression of the varietal and the most delicate too.

"Les Rouillères" is the name of the first parcel that Frédéric acquired and aims to represent what makes the appellation so accessible, fresh fruit, soft tannins and thirst quenching freshness.

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 by Ecocert. Certified Biodynamic by Biodyvin.

Traditional working of the soil. No pesticides. No herbicides. No phytosanitary products. Manual harvesting in small cases.

VINIFICATION

Accurate selection of the grapes in two consecutive sorting tables. Conveyance of the grapes by elevator belt. No crushing happens from the vines to the vat. Cold pre-fermentary maceration and fermentation in thermoregulated stainless steel vat with native yeast. No racking but regular pump-over.

4 months ageing in stainless steel vats. Natural stabilization at cold temperature. Two clarifications of the wine before bottling in the spring.

TASTING NOTES

"Aromas of dark wild berries, rose, violet and cassis followed by a medium-bodied layered and supple palate with a juicy core of fruit. A lot of freshness and powdery tannins"

Other wines from the same estate:

"Lunatic" Pétillant Naturel Chenin 2023

"Chenin du Puy" Saumur Blanc 2021

"Racines" Bourgueil 2021

"Fred" Carbo Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil 2023

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