



# DOMAINE FRÉDÉRIC MABILEAU "FRED" SAINT NICOLAS DE BOURGUEIL 2020



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 footstep 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 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 precise expression of the varietal and the most delicate too.

This new cuvee "FRED", first or Remy's wines, is a tribute to Frédéric, or Fred. By using the Aviation Alphabet to discretely give this wine his dad' nickname, he also remember one of Fred's passion, the one that led to his death.

## SOIL TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

3 acres production located on the terrace of old silt deposits, with deep soil made of sand and gravel.

## VARIETAL \_\_\_\_\_

100% Cabernet Franc. 40 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 table. Conveyance of the grapes by elevator belt. No crushing happens from the vines to the vat. Whole cluster **carbonic maceration**. Fermentation with native yeasts in stainless steel vats. Ageing 6 month in tanks. Natural settling at cold temperature. Two racking before bottling. 25mg of Total SO2/L

## TASTING NOTES \_\_\_\_\_

An infusion of fruit delivering the essence of Cabernet Franc genuine flavors. Like a basket of summer strawberries, raspberry and sour cherry. Tannins are extremely discrete leaving the fruit and floral notes of violet leading the way. Naturally and simply delicious !

*Other wines from the same estate:*  
"Orgasmic" Pétillant Naturel Chenin 2020  
"Les Rouillères" Anjou Blanc 2020  
"Chenin du Puy" Saumur Blanc 2016  
"Racines" Bourgueil 2017

