

MARSANNAY
CUVÉE SAINT-URBAIN



Domaine Jean Fournier

VIGNERON À MARSANNAY LA CÔTE, CÔTE D'OR, FRANCE

APPELLATION

MARSANNAY

VINTAGE

2018

FARMING

ORGANIC

VINE AGE

10-65 YEARS

VARIETAL

100% PINOT NOIR

ALCOHOL

13.5%

SOIL

LIMESTONE

FERMENTATION

33% WHOLE CLUSTER, 15 DAYS MACERATION, A FEW PIGEAGES AND PUMP OVER

AGING

12 MONTHS IN DEMI MUID AND 6 MONTHS IN TANK

AGING POTENTIAL

10 YEARS

CASES PRODUCED

2000 CASES

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$39

WINEMAKER NOTES

A CREATION ON MY PART. I ENJOYED READING LAVALLE, DANGUY AND AUBERTIN, DOM DENISE, ... SO MUCH THAT THE IDEA OF A ROUND CUVÉE FROM THE MONKS OF CITEAUX TOUCHED ME! BLENDED (BURGUNDIAN STYLE) WITH DIFFERENT TERROIRS, TO HAVE A COMPLETE, BALANCED, GOURMET WINE ... OF COURSE, WE MAY LOSE A PERSONALITY, IN DEPTH INTRINSIC, BUT THE IMMEDIATE AND TASTY SIDE TOUCHES AND IS A GOOD INITIATION INTO THE WINES OF MARSANNAY. SAINT URBAIN IS THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT WHERE THE ESTATE IS LOCATED. AN OLD MONASTERY, RAZED TO THE GROUND BY SWISS MERCENARIES DURING THE 30 YEARS WAR, AND OF WHICH ONLY THE DOVECOTE WHICH ADORNS THE LABEL REMAINS TODAY. POPE URBAIN II WOULD HAVE BEEN A MONK THERE

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THE STORY

Marsannay, Côte de Nuit's northernmost winegrowing region, has long been known to oenophiles for its Rosé de Marsannay, a specialty of the village created in 1919. Overlooked when the Institut National des Appellations d'Origine (INAO) originally delimited AOCs in the 1930s, the region finally received its appellation in 1987, giving it the recognition growers felt their rocky limestone and marl terroirs deserved. Marsannay is unique in Burgundy for having AOC status for red, white, and rosé wines.

Domaine Jean Fournier dates back to the reign of Louis 13th in the early 17th century, making it one of the oldest properties in Marsannay. Today the Domaine's 16 hectares are managed by the dynamic young Laurent Fournier, son of Jean, who crafts wines with integrity in a non-interventionist style. He has converted the vineyards to organic agriculture and has been Ecocert certified since 2008. Old vines can be found throughout his vineyards, contributing to the immense purity and finesse Fournier's wines are known for.

Also unique to the Domaine is a small plot of Aligoté vines that are over 80 years old. Though the grape is not as celebrated as Burgundian Chardonnay, when conditions are perfect, old-vine Aligoté can be a wine of excellent freshness and concentration. Laurent ensures that his Aligoté lives up to its potential by green harvesting the grapes and keeping the yields low at 40hl/ha.

Harvest is completed manually and grapes are hand sorted to guarantee that the wine is made from only the highest quality fruit. Grapes ferment in barrel for up to three weeks and the wines are then aged for three years in both 25 and 50 hl barrels allowing them plenty of time to flesh out. The result is precise wines of great ageability, weight, and texture.



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