

**APPELLATION**

MARSANNAY

VINTAGE

2018

FARMING

ORGANIC

VINE AGE

30-80 YEARS

VARIETAL

100% PINOT NOIR

ALCOHOL

14%

SOIL

LIMESTONE

FERMENTATION

50% WHOLE CLUSTER, 18 DAYS MACERATION, A FEW PIGEAGES AND PUMP OVER

AGING

18 MONTHS 2/3 IN DEMI MUID AND 1/3 IN BARREL

AGING POTENTIAL

25 YEARS

CASES PRODUCED

900 cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$48

WINEMAKER NOTES

THE STRONGHOLD OF THE DOMAINE, WE HAVE THE OLDEST PINOT VINES IN THE ESTATE, AND BENEFIT FROM MOST OF THE TERROIRS OF THIS GREAT CLIMATE. SOLAR (FACING SOUTH-SOUTHEAST), BUT WITHOUT BEING HOT (OPEN ON THE VALLEYS), RICH, POWERFUL, BUT MORE AND MORE MINERAL, I LIKE TO CALL IT BLOODY (VISCIOUS LIKE BLOOD, WITH A METALLIC MINERAL FINISH. ELECTRIFYING). THE LONGEROIES COMES FROM "LONG LINES", BY DEFORMATION, IN FACT THE LONG PLOWING LINES. NOTE THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL SUB-LOCALITIES IN THIS VAST CLIMATE: THE DOG CABIN, THE WOLF CELLAR, ETC.

PRESS AND TASTING NOTES**93 VINOUS**

THE 2018 MARSANNAY LES LONGEROIES HAS DARKER FRUIT ON THE NOSE COMPARED TO THE CLOS DU ROY, OFFERING BLACKBERRY, HINTS OF TAR AND A TOUCH OF MENTHOL THAT EMERGES WITH TIME. THE PALATE IS MEDIUM-BODIED WITH SUPPLE TANNINS AND A FINE BEAD OF ACIDITY, AND PURE IN STYLE AS IT FANS OUT TOWARD THE FRESH AND ENERGETIC FINISH. THIS IS A LOVELY MARSANNAY THAT WILL GIVE HEAPS OF PLEASURE.

DOMAINE JEAN FOURNIER

LES LONGEROIES

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.

