

## MAISON FRÉDÉRIC MAGNIEN Côte de Nuits-Villages 'Croix Violette' 2015

Frédéric Magnien is a fifth-generation winemaker from Morey-Saint-Denis. Learning the craft first from his father, Michel Magnien (of Domaine Michel Magnien), Fred also traveled to hone his talents in other fine wine regions before returning home and starting his own négociant domaine in his native village. Magnien differentiates himself from other négociants in that he works closely with partner growers throughout the growing season, selecting only older-vine parcels cared for to his exacting standards. His own teams pick the grapes at harvest, a further qualitative step. The vineyards Magnien selects are either certified organic or in the process of conversion.

**WINERY:** Maison Frédéric Magnien **WINEMAKER:** Frédéric Magnien

**ESTABLISHED**: 1995

**REGION:** FRANCE • Burgundy • Côte de Nuits • Morey-Saint-Denis

**APPELLATION:** Côte de Nuits-Villages AOC

**BLEND:** 100% Pinot Noir

**VINEYARDS:** 'Croix Viollette' is a small, southeast-facing plot surrounded by a stone wall, neighboring an active cloister (the Violet Cross) in the village of Brochon, next to Gevrey-Chambertin. The plot's well-draining soils mix clay and limestone with gravelly subsoils.

AGE OF VINES: 40-50 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Aged in older French oak barrels. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of violets, crushed stones, black raspberries. Mineral, suave; flavors of red berries, ripe red plums.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled pork sausages; hard French cheeses

