

MAISON FRÉDÉRIC MAGNIEN Côte de Nuits-Villages Rouge 'Croix Violette' 2022

Frédéric Magnien is a fifth-generation winemaker from Morey-Saint-Denis. Learning the craft 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. His own teams tend these mostly older-vine vineyards according to organic and biodynamic methods and harvest the grapes, ensuring quality from field to bottle. Wines are bottled unfined and unfiltered and according to the lunar calendar, with low added sulfites.

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 Violette' is a small, southeast-facing plot surrounded by a fragmented stone wall, neighboring an active cloister (the Violet Cross) in the village of Brochon, next to Gevrey-Chambertin. A third of the vineyard is planted to vines some 90 years old; average vine age, 50 years. Soils mix clay and limestone with gravelly subsoils. Farmed organically.

AGE OF VINES: 50 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Destemmed. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in tank. Aged in older French oak barrels. 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

