

MAISON FRÉDÉRIC MAGNIEN Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru 'Charmes' Vieilles Vignes 2016

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 works with are now 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: Chambolle-Musigny AOC

BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS: East-facing, 'Charmes' sits at the same altitude and not far from premier cru 'Amoureuses.' Soils are mostly brown limestone, with the "mother rock" a few inches from the surface. Very low yields in 2016, 14 hl/

AGE OF VINES: 50-70 years, some more than 100 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Partially fermented full cluster (83%) in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks on indigenous yeasts. Aged 50% in clay jars and 50% in older French oak barrels. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of dark raspberry, black cherry, light herbs. Smooth and silky; layers of black fruits alternate with notes of chocolate. Silky and long on the finish.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled red meat; aged, soft-rind French cheese; game meats

