

Domaine Jean Fournier

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PROFILE

Marsannay, the Côte de Nuit's northernmost winegrowing region, was 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 the recognition the 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 helmed 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.

The Wine Advocate on the 2016 vintage: "Cropped at a measly seven hectoliters per hectare due to frost, the 2016 Marsannay Es Chezots was more closed compared to the more audacious les Longeroies and demanded more coaxing from the glass. Eventually, it offers black cherry and chalk aromas but this remains pretty tight-lipped. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent ripe red cherry and cranberry fruit, the tannins here a little edgy and angular, leading to a chalky-textured but quite persistent finish. Very fine. (NM)



SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: Marsannay Rouge "Es

Chezots"

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Marsannay Rouge AOC

Production: 2,500 bottles

Vineyard Age: Planted between

1921 and 1945

Soil: Marl "oestra acuminata"

(fossilized oysters)

Exposure: East/southeast

Area: 0.89 ha

Agricultural Method: Certified

Organic (EcoCert, AB) 🚳

Pruning: Cordon de Royat

Harvest: Manual in boxes of 15 kg

Vinification: 60% de-stemmed, cold maceration, no yeast added, no fining, lenticular filtration. Aged in oak barrels (50% new) for one year. Bottled in January.

Alcohol: 13.5%



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