

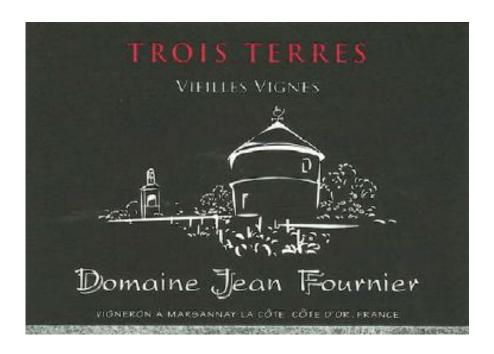
Domaine Jean Fournier

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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. Old vines can be found throughout the Domaine, contributing to the immense purity and finesse Fournier's wines are known for.

The Wine Advocate on the 2015 vintage: "The 2015 Marsannay Trois Terres Vieilles Vignes has a crisp and precise bouquet: dark cherries intermingling with bilberry and just a slight reductive scent although that seems to blows away. The palate is medium-bodied with smooth tannins, plenty of ripe black cherry and strawberry fruit that segues into a lightly spiced, harmonious, licorice-tinged finish. (NM)



SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: Marsannay "Trois Terres"

Vieilles Vignes

Varietals: 95% Pinot Noir, 5% Pinot

Beurot

Appellation: Marsannay Rouge AOC

Location: Grands Vignes, La Charme

aux Prêtres, Grasses-Têtes

Production: 1,500 bottles

Soil: Limestone/clay

Exposure: East

Area: 0.8 ha

Agricultural Method: Certified Organic (EcoCert and AB)

Pruning: Cordon de Royat

Harvest: Manual in small boxes

Vinification: 80% destemmed, malolactic, no yeast added, no fining. The must is lightly pressed during the fermentation. Aged in 100% new oak barrels for 18 months.

Tasting Notes: This old vines Pinot Noir has deeper notes of blueberry, blackberry, and purple flowers. Nicely structured, this wine will pair with grilled steak and mushrooms.



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