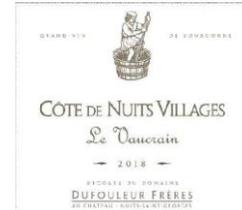

Dufouleur Frères “Le Vaucrain” Côte de Nuits Villages

Winery: Dufouleur Frères
Category: Wine – Still – Red
Grape Variety: Pinot Noir
Region: Côte de Nuits/ Bourgogne / France
Vineyard: AOC Côte de Nuits Villages
Winery established: 1932



Product Information

Soil: Mix of limestone and clay

Elevation: 250 meters (1,150 feet)

Age of vines: average of 40 years

Vinification: The vineyards are managed in an approach that is fully respectful of the environment, recognized by the High Environmental Value (HVE) level 3 certification (the highest). After meticulous sorting, both during harvest and at the arrival in the winery, the grapes are destemmed and put in the tank using elevators. This is essential in order to avoid crushing the fruit too early and in order to maintain absolute freshness. A cold pre-fermentation maceration phase allows the gentle extraction of tannins and aromas before the appearance of alcohol. Pigeage and pumping over are decided on a case by case basis to obtain an optimal balance guaranteeing integration and beautiful harmony. Ageing lasts 12 to 18 months in French oak barrels of various capacities, ages and origins in order to control the impact of the wood as much as possible and to allow a good expression of the nuances of the appellation. Minimal racking is performed during the initial 2 to 3 months of aging which allows the wines to develop naturally and achieve complexity and depth.

Tasting Note: This climat, located in the commune of Comblanchien faces due east and borders on the Premiers Crus of Nuits-Saint-Georges. Comblanchien is located in the southernmost area of the Cote de Nuits in an area that is most famous for its marble quarries. The soil has a very high limestone/chalk content which lends the wine a structure that is delicate yet pronounced and exceedingly vibrant. The grapes for this wine are sourced from a single vineyard: "Les Vaucrain"

Alc.: 13.50 %

Producer Information

The Dufouleur “Château” is one of the most prominent buildings, on the left just as you leave the center of Nuits-Saint-Georges driving north to Vosne-Romanée. Since 2006, son François-Xavier Dufouleur and cousin Marc have taken over the reins of the winery, with Marc in charge of vinification, fully taking over with the 2012 harvest. A new cellar for barrel aging was set up under the Château in 2015 and it is quite impressive. “We practice sustainable cultivation by ploughing the soil, avoiding any fertilizer or herbicide, fighting natural enemies (mildew, odium, botrytis...) with as many organic measures as possible”.