

DOMAINE FRANÇOIS RAQUILLET BOURGOGNE ROUGE



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This lovely Bourgogne Rouge comes from 3 parcels of vine, which are all over 60 years of age. The exposure is due east. The soil is clay-limestone. The grapes are picked by hand and crated. They are then sorted in the cellar, 100% destemmed and put in stainless steel tanks. The grapes are then gravity fed to concrete tanks for cold maceration for several days in order to extract the color of the fruit. Fermentation is natural with no added yeast. Aging in 2-3-year-old barrels for 10 months.

Domaine François Raquillet has records showing that the same family has made wine in Mercurey (one of the most important wine appellations in Burgundy) since the 1600s. Francois Raquillet is an 11th generation vigneron and widely recognized as the best producer in the village and one of the leaders in the region generally. In 1990, he and his wife Emmanuelle took over his family's vines from his father Jean. He reduced yields, introduced higher quality oak barrels, and significantly increased the quality of grapes produced in the vineyard. As the years have gone by, he has also refined his techniques in the cellar. He has 25 acres of superbly sited, mostly old vines and believes in low yields, mature (rather than super-ripe) fruit, and a severe selection. *"[Francois] delivers generous, gourmand wines that are succulent and pleasure-bent but also possess levels of complexity and depth that distinguishes them from many of their peers."*

William Kelley, Wine Advocate.

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