

STÉPHANE BROCARD BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR



100% Pinot Noir. Intense garnet color that transitions into a deep ruby shade as it ages. Aromas of pure red cherry skin, pomegranate seed and rose petal, accented by a subtle dusting of white pepper. A solid, structured and intense wine. Light baking spices unfold up front, followed by savory notes of cherry skin and a stony, mineral finish. It maintains a clean balance between acidity, smooth tannins and roundness. Over time, the fresh red fruit flavors gradually evolve into more complex nuances of prunes, cooked fruits, mushrooms and forest-floor. Pairs beautifully with roasted poultry, rich seafood like salmon, earthy mushroom dishes and mild cheeses. Organic.

Sourced from plots around the villages of Marsannay and Couchey in northern Burgundy's Côte de Nuits. Traditional Burgundian limestone and clay-heavy soils. The vines are between 30 and 45 years old. Fermentation using a traditional red vinification approach inside large oak containers (*demis-muids*). gravity-led transfers to gently move fragile Pinot Noir fruit without rough mechanical pumping. The wine is aged for 6 to 12 months in French oak barrels (15% new oak.)

Stephane Brocard is son of famed Chablis winemaker, Jean-Marc Brocard. An intimate knowledge of Burgundy and a desire to create something unique led him to set up Closerie des Alisiers in 2007, a boutique négociant business contracting in small parcels of carefully selected grapes. His philosophy is to craft authentic wines of purity, fruit and freshness. Wines that highlight their specific terroirs, with the utmost respect for the land and the environment. Stéphane works together with the vigneron, insists on organic farming practices, and the finished wine he is purchasing is manipulated as minimally as possible and held to the highest standards. *"I was brought up with straight, pure, mineral wines, which are far from dull, and I'm still always looking for true wines, which emphasize the terroir before the grape variety."*

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