

FRÉDÉRIC LEPRINCE

BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ

ORIGIN

Nantoux, Burgundy, France

WINE TYPE & VARIETIES

Still dry white, Aligoté

VINEYARD

Planted at the foot of hillsides
in Chassagne-Montrahet

SOIL

Clay-limestone

AGE OF VINES

20-30 y/o

VITICULTURE

Sustainable growing

VINIFICATION

Manual harvest, direct pressing
of whole bunches,
indigenous yeasts,
spontaneous fermentation
starts in steel,
10-11 months aging on lees in
50% vats and 50% oak barrels
aging, light filtration or light
fining, gravity-fed bottling

Hailing from Normandy rather than the heart of Burgundy, Frédéric Leprince brings a unique perspective to the region's winemaking scene. He draws inspiration from winemakers both in France and abroad, which is evident in the diverse array of empty bottles adorning his winery.

Fred's journey in winemaking began alongside Benjamin Leroux at Domaine du Comte Armand in Pommard. Afterward, he assumed the role of head winemaker at Remoissenet Père & Fils in Beaune. Eventually, and luckily, he decided to venture out on his own as a micro-négociant.

Nestled in the serene village of Nantoux in the Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Fred crafts generous wines that embody a fuller, more rounded expression of Burgundy. His white wines possess a modern flair, with subtle yet well-integrated oak notes, diverging from the finesse-driven approach. The flavors are broad but avoiding any extremes. In essence, they are clean and expressive, rather than tightly reductive or eccentric.

Fred's red wines show a clear influence from the Comte-Armand style, although he's not as rigidly committed to the use of whole bunches. Reduction and tannic presence define his reds, which often showcase a darker fruit profile.

In summary, Frédéric Leprince's wines offer exceptional value, catering to those who appreciate the current trend for lighter, higher-acid wines and those who prefer the more traditional Burgundian style. Although more restrained in nature, they have the ability to exceed expectations, reminiscent of the early wines produced by other micro-négociants. These wines can be succinctly described as delicious, terroir-driven expressions that could only originate from the heart of Burgundy.



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