



DOMAINE HUGUENOT FIXIN "PETITS CRAIS" 2017



Before Marsannay became a village appellation in 1987, Fixin (pronounced 'Fee-sin') was the northern-most of the Côte-d'Or. Bordered by Gevrey-Chambertin to the south, with its record-shattering 9 Grand Crus and dozen of Premiers Crus, its 327 acres vineyard offer minor differences in the soil structure with its illustrious neighbor, so much that people often call Fixin the Mini Gevrey. The wines here are mostly red, with less than 5% of Chardonnay and Pinot Blanc, and know to be among the most sturdy, muscular and age-worthy of the Côte de Nuit villages AOCs.

Wine-growers since 10 generations, the Huguenot family own the estate, based in Marsannay-la-Côte, since after the French Revolution in 1790. Certified organic since 2013, their path started in the 1990s when they banned the used of pesticides and herbicides and started ploughing their soil. Focused on the quality of the grape, harvest is made exclusively by hand in small cases, grapes are sorted carefully and brought into the vats by gravity to respect the integrity of the fruit. Winemaking is made with a lot of patience and delicacy to preserve the finesse of the fruit and the Terroir intensity.

SOIL TYPE _____

Lieu-dit "Petit Crais". Soil made of limestone and marl with gravelly topsoil.

VARIETAL _____

100% Pinot Noir. 50 years-old

CULTURE _____

Organic certified since 2013. Traditional working of the soil. No use of pesticide, herbicide or phytosanitary produce. Preventive treatments with horsetail and nettle biodynamic preparations to strengthen the plant. Disbudding and leaf thinning are implemented to lower the yield and give the grapes some space to optimize the maturity and the sanitary conditions.

VINIFICATION _____

Cold-maceration before fermentation of 10 days to extract the genuine fruit. Fermentation in concrete vats for about 15 days. 18 months ageing in 400l French oak barrels (50% new and 50% 1-year-old).

TASTING NOTES _____

Medium to full bodied, this wine shows a lot of elegance. Notes of red cherries, raspberries and white pepper spice dominates. The bright line of acidity gives a finishing touch and balance the chalky structuring tannins.

*Other wines from the same estate:
Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Crais" 2017*

