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FRÉDÉRIC COSSARD

Saint-Romain, Bourgogne

Frédéric Cossard is a larger than life character. He is a man with an infectious joie de vivre, with a real passion for life and a love of wine that runs deep. Fred wasn't born into a family of vigneronns and so had to start from scratch, no mean feat in Burgundy. Domaine de Chassorney was born in 1996 with a few hectares of vines rented in Saint Romain and Auxey Duresses and now comprises ten hectares of vines across several villages. He also acts as a négociant, which gives him access to fruit from some of the greatest vineyards in Burgundy. These wines are bottled eponymously, as 'Frédéric Cossard'.

The Cossards have worked organically from the outset and now focus on homeopathic treatments and remedies tailored to the needs of each site. When fruit is bought, they give the growers a guide for looking after the vines and join them in the vineyards to ensure that work is carried out to their own lofty standards. In doing so they ensure that only the most pristine fruit makes it to their cellars tucked away amongst the limestone cliffs of Saint-Romain.

Such scrutiny is necessary to make great wine with no additions, which is exactly what they do. Whites are pressed directly straight to barrel, where they rest on lees until bottling. Reds spend around a month on their skins as whole bunches in open top casks, before being pressed off to barrel, also resting on their lees until bottling. It sounds simple, but the attention to detail in the cellar is second to none and Fred produces Burgundy of rare liveliness, purity and detail.

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GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN LES GENEVRIÈRES
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Pinot Noir from a parcel of forty year old vines from a lieu-dit in Gevrey, that after just a three weeks fermenting as whole bunches, was pressed off to Georgian qvevris for élevage. This is compact and elegant with the time spent in these vessels adding texture and nuance to its layers of dark fruits and spice.