Jean-Claude Boisset.

Fixin Blanc 2022

Bourgogne, Burgundy, France





Grape Varieties	100% Chardonnay
Winemaker	Grégory Patriat
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

Grégory Patriat is the accomplished winemaker at the helm of Nuits-Saint-Georges négociant Jean-Claude Boisset. Previously head viticulturist and assistant winemaker at the legendary Domaine Leroy, Grégory has brought a detailed, vineyard-led approach to Jean-Claude Boisset and produces wines that are truly reflective of their lieu-dits. It is a testament to his skill, that after tasting the 2021 vintage, Jancis Robinson MW wrote that she "was utterly knocked out by the balance and refinement of Grégory Patriat's wines at J-C Boisset". Founded by the Boisset family in 1961, the company is now based in Les Ursulines, a former convent in Nuits-Saint-Georges that has been converted into a state-of-theart, gravity-fed winery.

VINEYARDS

2022 is the fourth vintage of Grégory's Fixin Blanc, which comes from a tiny plot named 'La Sorgentière' within the 125-hectare Fixin appellation. After its neighbour Marsannay, Fixin is the second most northerly appellation of the Côte de Nuits, known principally for the production of Pinot Noir. There are just six hectares planted to Chardonnay and Fixin Blanc remains a rarity. Boisset's Fixin Blanc comes from an east-facing parcel of 42-year-old, Guyot-trained vines located beneath the famous 1er Cru 'Clos du Chapitre' on marl and limestone soils.

VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage in Burgundy was characterised by abundance and excellence. Despite heatwaves and the largest drought in Burgundy since 1976, 2022 emerged as a generous vintage, with excellent quality. The growing season began with a cold winter, which delayed budburst and ensured most vineyards escaped April frosts unscathed. Optimal spring conditions followed and the vines grew quickly, with flowering taking place in mid-May. The summer was hot and dry, yet rain showers at the end of June replenished water reserves and allowed vines to thrive. Harvest at Jean-Claude Boisset began on 29th August and finished on 14th September. The grapes were in such excellent condition that virtually no sorting was required. Grégory Patriat describes 2022 as "a beautiful vintage".

VINIFICATION

Upon arrival at the winery, the hand-harvested Chardonnay grapes were gently whole bunch pressed for 2.5 hours. The temperature of the must was brought down to 12°C and it was transferred to 450-litre French oak demi-muids for fermentation with indigenous yeasts. Following fermentation, the wine was aged for 18 months in lightly toasted French oak demi-muids, 33% of which were new. 1,920 bottles produced in 2022.

TASTING NOTES

A beautiful pale yellow in colour, this wine displays intense aromas of white peach and stone fruit, with hints of almond and gentle spice from time in oak. The palate is vibrant and fresh yet full-bodied and complex, and the finish long.