

DOMAINE DES NOTES BLEUES

JURA · FRANCE



CÉDRIC MOTTET

Cédric Mottet's father was a police officer in Arbois. His mother worked at the town library. Nothing about his childhood pointed toward vineyards or cellars. What it pointed toward was music – specifically jazz, which pulled him out of the Jura as a teenager and kept him moving for years.

Mottet returned to Arbois and trained under Jean-Michel Petit of Domaine de la Renardière before founding his own domaine in 2017. He named it Notes Bleues – blue notes, the bent pitches in jazz that exist between the standard tones, neither major nor minor, conveying feeling through imprecision.

His first purchase was a small plot of vines from elite Jura vigneron Stéphane Tissot, followed by roughly three hectares of old-vine parcels around Arbois and Mesnay, and another 1.2 hectares added in Buvilly in 2021. The domaine now totals 6.5 hectares and has no plans to grow beyond that. The vines range from thirty to eighty years old, rooted in iridescent marls, grey marls, and limestone-rich gravels – soils that shift color depending on the light and the moisture.

His cellar approach is patient and uniform in duration. Whites – Chardonnay and Savagnin – are whole-cluster pressed, fermented natively in stainless steel, then transferred to 400-liter used Burgundy barrels and aged twelve months without stirring, developing the nutty edge that defines the region. Reds – Pinot Noir and the three-grape Jura blend Partiels (Pinot Noir, Trousseau, Poulsard) – are destemmed, fermented natively, and aged twelve months in stainless steel, preserving the snap and immediacy of Jura fruit. Everything is unfinned, unfiltered, with low to no added sulfur.

The marls catch the light differently every hour. The blue notes bend, and hold.

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WINES AVAILABLE

CUVÉE



La Pierre Chardonnay Arbois 2023

Arbois
Chardonnay



La Pierre Pinot Noir Arbois 2023

Arbois
Pinot Noir



Partiels Arbois Rouge 2023

Arbois
Pinot Noir, Trousseau, Poulsard

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