

Winemaker: Olivier Rivière

Region: Bordeaux

Location: Lansac



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Appellation: AOP Bourg

Varietal: 100% Merlot

Farming: Organic

Vinification: Hand-harvested and double-sorted. Grapes are 100% destemmed and undergo a three week maceration. Élevage for 12 months in concrete vats and used barrels.

Vineyard/Terroir: Clay-limestone soils

About the winemaker:

Olivier Rivière is taking on the challenge of breathing fresh life back into the soils, the vineyards,

and the winemaking of the Côtes de Bourg. Based in Lansac, Olivier founded his organic project back in 2022. Olivier's formative years as a winemaker took him to Burgundy. Two years later, he moved to Rioja in 2004, where he began making his own wines and continued to flourish for the following 16 years.

The principal aspect of Olivier's work is to get to know the vineyard as intimately as possible in order to represent it as faithfully as he can. His benchmarks, however, remain Burgundian, as he learned from Frédéric Cossard and Bize-Leroy. Working with a geologist, he has delineated his micro-plots, along the natural shifts in subsoils and strata.

Olivier sees Bordeaux as having been stuck in its ways when other regions listened to the needs of both their environment and of the consumers. "There is a lot of work to be done in Bordeaux, and one of the reasons that brought me here is this exciting prospect of having a new approach," Olivier concludes. "This is the only region in France that still is in need of a winemaking revolution. Bordeaux is a historic region with historic terroir, with a classicism that is just in need of a twist!" And as his actions show, he's here to provide it.