

## ARNAUD COMBIER 2022 FLEURIE

Arnaud Combiere has been a long-time fixture in the natural wine scene in southern Burgundy, beginning with his first richly-textured, no-sulfites Saint-Véran bottlings more than twenty years ago. Today, he collaborates with like-minded, organic growers on an exciting new lineup of micro-negoce wines from the Mâconnais, Beaujolais, and beyond.

### VINEYARDS

3 hectares of 45-year-old vines in the lieux dit "Montgenas". Organically farmed (in 3rd year of organic conversion). Granite soils.

### APPELLATION

AOP Fleurie

### COMPOSITION

100% Gamay

### VITICULTURE

From 45-year-old vines with classic "en Gobelet" training. 3rd year of organic conversion. Manual harvest. Yields of 1.87 tons/acre.

### WINEMAKING

Whole-cluster fermentation with native yeasts. Semi-Carbonic maceration. No enzymes/sulfites/additions in vinification. 7-14 days on the skins then matured on the fine lees in concrete tanks. Bottled with a touch of sulfur.

### ALCOHOL

13.5%

### TASTING NOTES

A layered and silky-smooth wine with well-defined black-cherry and toasted spice aromas. A core of ripe (yet very fresh) black-fruit dominates an expansive palate that ends with a long, lasting finish.

### SERVE WITH

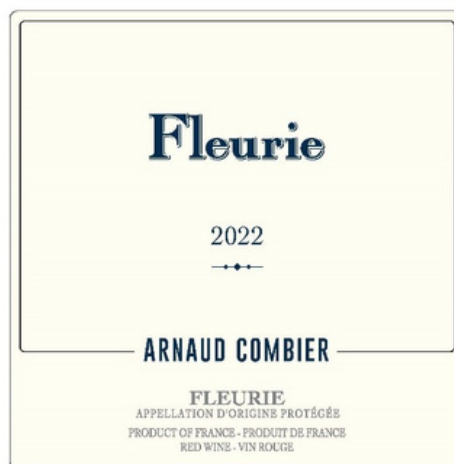
A versatile food-wine that is approachable on its own. Especially good with boldly flavored dishes like Lacquered Duck, Moo Shu Pork, Bulgogi...

### ACCOLADES

93 pts, "The 2022 Fleurie brings ample richness and depth, with ripe black cherry and blackberry fruits as well as notes of violets, peppery herbs, woodsmoke, and damp earth. Rich, beautifully textured, and medium to full-bodied, with ripe tannins, this brilliant Fleurie is going to evolve for 7-8 years if well stored." -JD, JebDunnuck.com, 8/23 (2022 vintage).

92 pts, "The wine has structure and richness. Together, they give density, ripe tannins, and a juicy black-cherry quality to this fine wine. While the wine is young, it has swathes of fruit and structure." -RV, Wine Enthusiast, 12/2022 (2020 vintage).

92 pts, "Brilliant violet. Mineral-accented red and blue fruits, potpourri, and Moroccan spice aromas show impressive clarity and pick up a hint of succulent herbs with air. Densely packed yet lively raspberry and boysenberry flavors show fine definition and back-end cut thanks to a core of juicy acidity. A candied lavender nuance emerges as the wine opens up, and carries through an impressively long, sappy finish shaped by polished, even tannins." -JR, Vinous, 7/21 (2019 vintage).



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