



DOMAINE CHIROULET – FAMILLE FEZAS "JAVA BLANC" CÔTES DE GASCOGNE 2015



Gascony is one of the most picturesque wine regions with its medieval villages, temperate climate and distant views of the Pyrenees. Renown for its "Douceur de Vivre" (Sweetness of life), home of Foie Gras and Armagnac, its "Côtes" (hillsides) has been dedicated to wine since more than 2,000 years.

Nestled in the highest elevated hillside of the "Ténarèze", richest of all 3 Gascony Terroir, the Fezas family has been making wine since 150 years. Philippe Fezas, while carrying the tradition of distillation, devotes his energy to give birth to Terroir driven wines from the indigenous grapes Ugni Blanc or Colombard for the whites or Tannat and Cabernet Franc for the red and Rosé. The 110 acres of Chiroulet estate, which means in local dialect "The Whistling wind", are mostly located on southern exposed hillsides or plateau made of limestone and fine clay. The combination of the exposure, the soil and a windy situation provide each year the perfect maturity and ideal health conditions. "Faire la Java" is a popular expression in France for *partying* and embraces perfectly the philosophy of this line that also includes a red and a rosé.

SOIL TYPE _____

Limestone from the quaternary on the surface called « Peyrusquet »
South facing hillside and east facing plateau

VARIETAL _____

Colombard (50%), Ugni-blanc (25%) & Sauvignon blanc (25%)

CULTURE _____

Traditionnal working of the soil under the row. Natural grass cover.
Organic manure to favor biodiversity. Mechanic harvest starting at 4am.

VINIFICATION _____

After full destemming the wine undergo a cold pre-fermentary skin-contact maceration for 12 hours to preserve the primary aromas. Gentle pneumatic pressing. Fermentation at low temperature (59 °F) in stainless steel vats in order to slowly extract the aromas. Fermented as a dry wine. Bottling after 4 months aging in stainless steel on fine lees.

TASTING NOTES _____

Medium-bodied with a dry and fresh character. Citrus, passion fruit, mango and pineapple from the Colombard, floral notes and lively acidity from the Ugni Blanc, density and finesse from the Sauvignon.

Other wines from the same estate:

- Java Red & Java Rosé*
- La Côte d'Heux "100% Gros Manseng"*
- Floc de Gascogne Fortified wine*

