



DOMAINE CHIROULET – FAMILLE FEZAS
"JAVA ROUGE" CÔTES DE GASCOGNE IGP 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 white and a rosé.

SOIL TYPE _____

Clay and limestone from the quaternary locally called "Peyrusquet" South-east facing plateau at the highest elevation (560 ft)

VARIETAL _____

Merlot 50%, Cabernet Franc 35% & Syrah 15%

CULTURE _____

Traditionnal working of the soil under the row. Natural grass cover. Organic manure to favor the biodiversity.

VINIFICATION _____

After full destemming the wine undergo a cold (46 °F) pre-fermentary maceration for 72 hours to preserve the primary aromas. Fermentation at low temperature (68 °F) in order to slowly extract the aromas and tannins. Aging during 6 months in concrete and stainless vats.

TASTING NOTES _____

Medium-bodied with a smooth well-rounded finish. Hints of blackberry, raspberry and spice from the Tanat, floral character from the Cabernet Franc and black tea and herbal aromas from the Merlot.

Other wines from the same estate:

Java White & Java Rosé
La Côte d'Heux "100% Gros Manseng"

