



DOMAINE CHIROULET – FAMILLE FEZAS
“JAVA ROSÉ” CÔTES DE GASCOGNE IGP 2016



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 red.

SOIL TYPE _____

Clay and limestone from the quaternary locally called “Peyrusquet”
 Selection of young vines on the South-east facing plateau at the highest elevation (560 ft)

VARIETAL _____

Cabernet Franc (50%) & Merlot (50%)

CULTURE _____

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

VINIFICATION _____

Direct pressing in pneumatic press. Fermentation at low temperature.
 Aging of 4 month in stainless steel tanks on fine lees. 6 grams of RS.

TASTING NOTES _____

Dry and crisp Rosé with notes of crushed raspberry and a nice minty character. The lively citrusy finish adds to a refreshing experience.

Other wines from the same estate:

- Java White & Java Red*
- Terres Blanches 2015*
- La Côte d’Heux “100% Gros Manseng” 2014*
- Floc de Gascogne white and Rosé*

