



DOMAINE CHIROULET – FAMILLE FEZAS "TERRES BLANCHES" CÔTES DE GASCOGNE IGP 2014



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.

SOIL TYPE

Limestone from the quaternary locally called "Peyrusquet" or "Terres Blanches". Rich clay subsoil. South facing hillside and east facing plateau

VARIETAL

Gros Manseng (50%), Sauvignon Blanc (30%) & Ugni Blanc (30%)

CULTURE

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

VINIFICATION

Cold skin maceration of the Ugni blanc & Sauvignon Blanc. Slow direct pressing in pneumatic press for the Gros Manseng. Fermentation in stainless steel thermoregulated tanks.

Ageing in stainless steel vats on fine lees with no "Bâtonnage" for 8 month.

TASTING NOTES

As a true tribute to the Terroir of the "Ténarèze" this wine shows an intense minerality and a bright acidity. The stone fruit texture gives a nice density and length. A zesty citrusy finish combined with lemon and floral aromas.

Other wines from the same estate:

*Java White, Java Red & Java Rosé
La Côte d'Heux
Soleil d'Automne - Late harvest
Floc de Gascogne blanc & Rosé*

