



**DOMAINE CHIROULET – FAMILLE FEZAS**  
 “SOLEIL D’AUTOMNE” 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”  
 South facing hillside and east facing plateau

**VARIETAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Gros Manseng (70%), Petit manseng (30%)

**CULTURE** \_\_\_\_\_

Traditionnal working of the soil under the row. Natural grass cover.  
 Organic manure to favor the biodiversity.  
 “Passerillage” on the vines. Harvest by hand in November with the last rays of the Autumn sun, reason for the cuvee’s name.

**VINIFICATION** \_\_\_\_\_

Slow direct pressing in pneumatic press. Fermentation 50% in stainless steel vat and 50% in old French oak barrels. Fermentation is stopped by cooling of the must no sulfites added at this point. 50 grams of residual sugar per liter. Ageing on fine lees with no “Bâtonnage” for 12 month.

**TASTING NOTES** \_\_\_\_\_

Nice combination of notes of Fresh fruits and slightly honeyed dried fruits.  
 Bright acidity and notes of candied citrus allow a perfect balance of the sugar.

*Other wines from the same estate:*

- Java White, Java Red & Java Rosé*
- Terres Blanches*
- La Côte d’Heux*
- Floc de Gascogne blanc & Rosé*

