



DOMAINE GÉRARD FIOU POUILLY FUMÉ 2014



Facing its illustrious rival of Sancerre on the opposite bank of the Loire River, Pouilly-Fumé owes its name to Pouilly-sur-Loire larger village among the 7 that compose the appellation.

With 3,000 acres of Sauvignon Blanc, locally called *Blanc Fumé*, for the grey, smoked-colored bloom that cover its skins, the vineyard represents half the size of its illustrious neighbor of Sancerre.

Here the south-west facing slopes overlooking the Loire are richer in clay with a diverse limestone subsoil. This particular soil gives a smokier minerality and a larger texture to the wines. At Fiou estate this Pouilly Fumé is representing a very characteristic difference from the flint of Sancerre to the Kimeridgian of Menetou Salon offering them the luxury to display all the faces that Loire Sauvignon blanc can offer.

This tiny plot of 4 acres located in the *lieu-dit* "Les Loges" on a rich calcareous slop is one of the closest parcel to the Loire river offering the ideal conditions to express the precision of Pouilly Fumé exciting Terroir.

SOIL TYPE _____

Single plot of 4 acres in the lieu-dit "Les Loges". South-west facing hillside. Clay and Portlandian limestone.

VARIETAL _____

100 % Sauvignon Blanc. 45 Years old vines.

CULTURE _____

After years of organic farming, Gerard decided to start the conversion of the entire domain to organic certification in 2010. Working of the soil to push the roots deeper. Green harvest and manual leaf thinning. Hand-harvesting. Sorting tables are used before a gentle pneumatic pressing. Settlement of 24 hours at cold temperature to clarify the wine.

VINIFICATION _____

Fermentation happens in thermoregulated stainless steel tanks followed by a maturation of 5 months on fine lees with "Bâtonnage" (racking) each week to keep the lees in contact with the wine.

TASTING NOTES _____

Elegant texture and fleshy mouthfeel. Slightly spicy and smoky aroma of nectarines and tropical fruits. Admirable combination of density and vivacity. Refine notes of honeysuckle linger at the finish.

From the same Winery :

"Just Fiou" Sauvignon 2013

Menetou Salon 2014

Sancerre Blanc 2014

Sancerre Rouge 2013

"Le Grand Roc" Sancerre Blanc 2012

