



# DOMAINE CHIROULET – FAMILLE FEZAS

## “TERROIR GASCON” 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.

### SOIL TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

On the crest of a south-facing hillside named “Côte d’Heux” (524 ft high). Soil made of fine brown clay on a limestone subsoil.

### VARIETAL \_\_\_\_\_

50% Merlot, 25% Tannat, 25% Cabernet Franc & Cabernet Sauvignon

### CULTURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

### VINIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

Fermentation in concrete vats. 21 days of maceration in the same vats. 12 month ageing in 1 and 2 years old French oak barrels. No fining and light filtration before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES \_\_\_\_\_

Red-currant and blueberry lead the way. Elegant flowery bouquet of violet and a refine spicy notes. Structured but silky this wine is displaying a nice balancing freshness.

*Other wines from the same estate:*

*Java White 2019*

*Java Rosé 2018*

*Java Red 2018*

*La Côte d’Heux “100% Gros Manseng” 2017*

*Floc de Gascogne white and Rosé*

