



DOMAINE CHIROULET – FAMILLE FEZAS "LA CÔTE D'HEUX" CÔTES DE GASCOGNE IGP 2017



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 _____

In the middle of a south-facing hillside named "Côte d'Heux" (524 ft high). Soil made of fine brown clay on limestone subsoil.

VARIETAL _____

Gros Manseng (100%)

CULTURE _____

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

VINIFICATION _____

Skin contact maceration during 6 to 8 hours. Fermentation in old wooden vats at low temperature (64 °F). Aging in the same wooden vats for one half and in cement tanks for the other half with weekly "Bâtonnage" during 2 month. Bottling with light filtration in June after harvest.

TASTING NOTES _____

A dense and fleshy wine showing refine exotic notes of mango and pineapple. The citrusy and minerally finish bring a lot of freshness and depth. Smoky finish with a hint of vanilla and acacia flower.

Other wines from the same estate:

*Java White, Java Red & Java Rosé 2017/2018
Floc de Gascogne Blanc and Rosé (Fortified wine)*

