DOMAINE DE MAOURIES « EQUINOXE »

PACHERENC-DU-VIC-BILH SEC 2024

Founded in 1907, Domaine de Maouries is a fifth-generation family estate in Labarthète, at the heart of Gascony and the historic appellations of Madiran, Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh, Saint-Mont and Côtes de Gascogne. The 28-hectare vineyard spans 25 parcels across three villages, with diverse clay-limestone, sandy-loam and gravelly soils that bring complexity and freshness to the wines.

Today, Claire and Rémi Dufau, both in their thirties, continue the family tradition alongside their father, Pascal. Claire leads the winemaking, while Rémi oversees the vineyard, combining a deep respect for their heritage with a modern approach to viticulture. Following years of environmentally conscious farming, the estate became **certified organic with the 2024 vintage**, with a strong focus on biodiversity, soil health and minimal intervention.

Planted to regional varieties including **Tannat, Cabernet Franc, Gros Manseng, Petit Manseng and Petit Courbu**, Domaine de Maouries produces expressive reds, whites, rosés and sweet wines. With more than a century of history and a modern organic vision, the estate is part of a new generation of Southwest French producers crafting authentic, vibrant wines deeply rooted in their terroir.

SOIL TYPE

A blend of south-facing clay-limestone slopes planted with Petit Courbu and east-facing silty-clay hillsides with rolled pebbles, planted with Manseng, over Viella's distinctive yellow and red variegated clays.

VARIETAL

Petit Courbu 50%, Gros Manseng 30%, Petit Manseng 20%
Three Native varieties of the Pyrenean foothills

CULTURE

Certified organic since 2024, the estate has been farmed organically since 2021 and has held **HVE Level 3 certification since 2018**.

VINIFICATION

Direct pressing, followed by cold settling. Fermentation in neutral tanks. Partial malolactic fermentation in oak barrels. Vinified without sulfites; sulfites added prior to bottling. Aged 50% in oak barrels for 4 months 50% in fiberglass tanks.

TASTING NOTES

A dry, bright and elegant white wine, with aromas of citrus and white flowers. The palate is fresh and lively, showing notes of lemon, white peach and white currant, with subtle mineral and floral nuances. Light oak adds depth, while vibrant acidity brings balance and a clean, lingering finish.

Other wine available from the same estate:

Madiran "Cailloux de Pyren" 2020