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VIGNERONS PAR PASSION DEPUIS 7 GENERATIONS

Pouilly-Fumé 'Les Pierres de Pierre'

In 2004, as a young winegrower at that time, Pierre-François MASSON had the opportunity to purchase old vines on flint soils from the slope of Saint-Andelain.

- **Grape**: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

- Vineyard surface: 1 Ha 50, aged between 30 and 55 years old

- **Soil**: Flint (silex)

- **Exposition**: south/south-west

- **Production**: ~ 10 000 bottles depending on years

- Work in the vines:

~ Since 1980: abandonment of chemical fertiliser on all of our vines.

~ Since 2002 : **abandonment of herbicide** on all 21 Hectares of vines.

~ Since 2006: **abandonment of insecticide** on all 21 Hectares of vines.

- ~ Mildew control : we use the bare minimum of fungicide, but not only copper, which we think the accumulation in the soils would be harmful for them in the long term.
- ~ Rainwater collection to fight mildew with demineralised water and thus reduce as much as possible the dose used.
 - The vines are lightly hoed and regularly **tilled by hand**. Only organic amendments officially agreed for Organic Farming are used at the end of autumn. **Treatments are reduced to bare necessities** in order to protect fauna and soils, which are crucial for an appropriate development of the vegetation.
- **Vinification**: fermentation in stainless steel tanks after cold settling, long conservation on very fine lees, cold tartaric precipitation, no malolactic fermentation, sulphite rate in accordance with biodynamic principles: $\leq 100 \text{mg/l.}$, suitable for vegans.
- **Keeping**: 4 to 6 years, apogee from the 2nd or 3rd year.
- **Wine-master's advice :** Served alone at 12°C or on a platter of seafood, crustaceans, fish, poultry, white meat and cheese (goat and sheep's cheese, Comté).



The tense and vibrant attack gives then way to fatness and roundness. Its high minerality and its length in mouth allow a great variety of matches such as cod loin with hollandaise sauce, grilled lobster and crystallised lemon, monkfish tail with piment d'Espelette or sweetbread and truffles juice.



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WINE ENTHUSIAST January 2020 : 92/100

Les Pierres de Pierre 2019 : « A parcel of old vines that belongs to Pierre-François Masson has produced this crisp, tight and mineral-driven wine. With its nervy, textured character, the wine needs aging. Drink from 2022. » Roger Voss

January 2019: 91/100

Les Pierres de Pierre 2018: « This crisp, steely-textured wine is still young. Its taut texture is balanced with green apples and ripe pears. The acidity is still bright, forward and needs time to soften. Drink from 2020. » Roger Voss

Cuisine et Vins de France, Feb. Mar. 2016, Vintage 2014 selected among 50 PF.

"Stemming from a flinty soil, where the sauvignon blanc offers a more concentrated and complex approach with a nose on the honey and the almonds, and a harmonious mouth with a lively and intense finish. To satisfy a grilled lobster."

Gault & Millau:

"The most precise of Pouilly-Fume range of the Domaine. We appreciate its thin and sharp frame, with iodine flavor. Salivating final among citrus fruits. Mouth is tonic but posts an excellent substance. Wine-tasting in August 2015."

2016	Vintage 2014	15/20
2015	Vintage 2013	15,5/20
2014	Vintage 2011	14 / 20
2011	Vintage 2009	14,5 / 20
2010	Vintage 2008	16 / 20
2009	Vintage 2007	17 / 20
2008	Vintage 2006	17 / 20
2007	Vintage 2005	17,5 / 20
2006	Vintage 2004	89 / 100

Gault & Millau, vintage 2011, January 2014:

« For the nose, we are between asparagus and apricot, we feel the pebble which also plays with the green mango. The mouth is powerful and maintained by this typical vegetal tension reminding the boxwood. A fruity ending, but short. »

Bettane & Desseauve Guide:

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Le Point, Wine Special Edition Sept. 5th 2019, Les Pierres de Pierre 2018: 17/20 « Solar nose, white fruit, spicy mouth, taut, fresh, mineral, long, peppery persistence. » Jacques Dupont

Le Point, Wine Special Edition Sept. 9th 2010, **Les Pierres de Pierre 2008**: 14,5/20 « Spicy, rich in mouth, **tense**, vibrant. A powerful wine. ». Jacques Dupont

La Revue du Vin de France, vintage 2007, February 2009 ranked among the <u>Cuvées remarquables</u>

" ... it is this last one we find the most vivid and accomplished in its definition of a terroir of flint. Its delicate texture and tense finish reveal themselves in the 2007." 16,5/20

L'Express, Vineyards of Centre France Special Edition, June-July 2007 vintages 2005: " A smoked minerality on the finish. Longawaited when you love the Sauvignon cultivated on the Loire terroir." **16/20**

'Le Guide des Meilleurs Vins de France' La Revue du Vin de France :

«Toned up by the character of its flints (silex), Les Pierres de Pierre is more delicate and airy than Villa Paulus»

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