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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 regurlarly 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.

Avocado with fresh goat cheese, chickpeas and peas salad will also be a special treat!

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Vertdevin Magazine N° 26, July 2024:

2024 Vintage 2023 91-92/100

"The wine has a pale lemon-yellow color with green reflections. The nose offers liveliness, a tangy framework of citrus and herbs, as well as a racy minerality. It expresses notes of grapefruit, lemon zest, lemon juice, as well as passion fruit, crushed passion fruit seeds, gooseberries, tangy apricot and green apple. After aeration, the wine expresses note of limestone rock, a touch of iodine and smoke (flint), as well as a floral hint of apple blossom and elderflower. The palate is fruity, gourmand & offers the roundness and juiciness of white peach and apricot on the attack. Then, we find the flavors of ripe green apple, passion fruit, gooseberries, lemon and grapefruit. The finish is straight, tangy and mineral, with flavors of fresh citrus, citrus jam, limestone, smoke and acacia in the background. Good grapefruit acidity with persistence, a salivating and pleasant acidity."

2024 Vintage 2022 91-92/100

Wine Enthusiast, Reggie Salomon, October 2024:

2024 Vintage 2022 91/100

"Delicate aromas of red apple, dried hay, starfruit, lemon citrus and pear zest open on the nose. The palate delivers a combination of yogurt and steeliness in texture with bready undertones that continue through to the finish. Pair with a cheese and toasted-bread course and complex dishes that demand nuance."

2023	Vintage 2021	92/100
2022	Vintage 2020	92/100
2020	Vintage 2019	92/100
2019	Vintage 2018	91/100

Le Point, Wine Special Edition July 7th 2023:

07.07.23 Vintage 2022 95/100

"Flint, elegant nose, full-bodied mouth, smooth, white fruits, lychee, volume, complex & long.' Jacques Dupont

05.09.19	Vintage 2018	17/20
09.09.10	Vintage 2008	14,5/20

Bettane & Desseauve Guide:

2020	Vintage 2018	15/20
2016	Vintage 2014	14,5/20
2014	Vintage 2012	14/20

L'Express, Vineyards of Centre France Special Edition, June-July 2007 vintages 2005:

"A smoked **minerality** on the finish. Long-awaited when you love the Sauvignon cultivated on the Loire terroir." **16/20**

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."

Vinous, Rebecca Gibb, MW, July 2023:

2023 Vintage 2022 89/100

"It is both attractive and **aromatic** with nectarine, elderflower, white peaches, **smoke** and **flint notes**. A fine vein of **bright acidity** runs through its lean but **ripe core**."

Concours des Grands Vins de France, Mâcon:

2021 Vintage 2020 Gold

'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»

2016	Vintage 2014	described above
2015	Vintage 2013	15,5/20
2014	Vintage 2012	16/20
2013	Vintage 2011	15,5/20
2012	Vintage 2010	15/20
2012	Vintage 2009	15/20
2011	Vintage 2008	16/20
2010	Vintage 2007	16/20
2009	Vintage 2007	16/20
2009	Vintage 2006	15/20
2008	Vintage 2006	14/20
2007	Vintage 2005	16/20
2006	Vintage 2004	8,5/10

Ranked among the "RÉUSSITES" (Success) in La Revue du Vin de France, June 2013 Special Edition Vintage 2012, page 175: « Crispy and ripe, shaded and fine, marked with a subtle freshness, very well-balanced».

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**

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**. Winetasting in August 2015."

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