

Our 'Cuvées Exquises' ...

wines like liquified precious stones from our most beautiful terroirs !

The terroir...

To express its full potential, Sauvignon Blanc needs a terroir of equally unmatched quality and at Pouilly-sur-Loire, it must be said, nature has provided for it magnificently. **Between limestone, marl and flinty clay**, with the numerous faults that have occurred over the millennia and other miraculous accidents of geology, it is a real geological puzzle, a mosaic of soils and sub-soils of unmatched richness, that gives Blanc Fumé wines both infinitely and uniquely sculpted nuances...

A northern vineyard with a micro-climate under the influence of the Loire...

Another decisive element in the inimitable taste of **Pouilly-Fumés** : the geographic situation of the Pouilly-sur-Loire vineyard... a fact that might have been considered an obstacle but which has proved to be a major advantage ! **The Pouilly vineyard is located in a northern zone, at the limit for maturing Sauvignon Blanc, where it must push to its limits, forcing the best from itself...** if our vineyard had been located further north, there would have been the risk of an insufficiently mature harvest giving mediocre wines, with vegetal, even herbaceous notes... on the other hand, too far south and the wines would have been uninteresting, too heavy and flacid, with little aptitude for aging.

It's commonly known that when a vine suffers and is placed in extreme conditions (a continental climate with cold, dry winters and warm summers, like at Pouilly and in poor soils, where roots must dig deep to find the nutriments necessary for the plant's development), that the vine surpasses itself and only then produces exceptional wines.

At **Pouilly**, the microclimate, influenced by the **Loire**, gives very long and sunny autumns with cool nights and morning mists that favour the maturity of Sauvignon Blanc wonderfully, allowing it to gain aromatic complexity over time.

What is a great terroir wine if not a particular coming-together ? An encounter between a grape and a terroir, of course, but also an encounter shaped with skill and encouraged by generations of demanding winemakers !

In this way, with patience and intuition, we have vinified different vineyard plots separately, identifying those whose flavour is by far the most typical and distinctive, and with the greatest consistency over the vintages.

Today, we present you with the results of this precise work of selection in the form of two cuvées, like gems shaped from the precious stones of our vineyard.

