

DOMAINE DIDIER DAGUENEAU

“PUR SANG”

100% SAUVIGNON BLANC

The Man

Didier Dagueneau was (until his sad death in 2008) one of the most unconventional and innovative winemakers in the world. Dagueneau pushed the boundaries so far with Sauvignon Blanc that he stood out from almost all other producers in the region, achieving incredible quality levels for his Pouilly-Fumé wines.

The Domain

The Domaine is biodynamic and the complexity in the wines is achieved by extremely low yields and severe pruning. The winemaking process is not set in stone but varies according to each vintage, but the guiding principles are contact with the lees and never allowing the wines to undergo malolactic fermentation. Didier's son, Louis-Benjamin, is now in charge and has so far shown himself as more than capable of upholding the quality of these brilliant wines.



The Wine

Pur Sang is French for thoroughbred and is a joke that reflects Dagueneau's annoyance at repeated references to the fact (by journalists) that he uses a horse to till some of vineyards. This is produced primarily from a vineyard north of Saint Andelain called La Folie. The soil here is deep clay with some limestone. The vineyard is gently sloped and has perfect south/southeast exposure. Some smaller parcels on the Saint Andelain Hill occasionally also make it into this Cuvée. Barrel fermented and aged. This is always a rich and powerful Cuvée, enormously textural and complex. It is a wine that can live and live.

