

Souis Latour Agencies

Pouilly-Fumé Barre à Mine Michel Redde et Fils

Vintage 2017
Country of Origin France
Region Loire Valley
Grape varieties Sauvignon Blanc

Wine description

In 2009 Michel Redde began a titanic and unique project in an old disused flint quarry called Les Champs des Froids in the Village of Tracy-sur-Loire. The site has a beautiful south west exposure and they have cleared, prepared and planted 4 hectares of vines on these very rocky flint soils. The vines were planted with the aid of a crowbar (barre à mine) and 2014, the first harvest, revealed an unexpectedly exceptional vintage.

Tasting note

The nose has notes of exotic pineapple and passion fruit mixed with the flintiness typical of Pouilly-Fume. The palate is full with a spicy, white pepper finish. This wine appreciates decanting to help it reveal its pure minerality, spiciness, salinity and persistence.

Vineyard information

Average vine age 8 years old

Soil composition Rocky flint and Kaolinite clay

Average yield (hl/ha) 35-40 hl/ha

Harvest type Hand picked in small cases

Environmental management Sustainable

Winemaking information

De-stemmed No

Fermentation vessel Large barrels and demi-muids
Maturation vessel Large barrels and demi-muids

Maturation time 14 to 16 months

Finning/clarification Yes - Bentonite (mineral)

Filtration Yes

Wine Analysis

Alcohol by volume 14.5
pH 3.2
Residual sugar (grams per litre) <1 g/L
Acidity (grams per litre) 4.7 g/L