



## DOMAINE FRANCIS BLANCHET

### Pouilly-Fumé 'Calcite'

The appellation of Pouilly-Fumé sits across the river from the hills of Sancerre, in the eastern Loire Valley. Sauvignon Blanc here is characterized by an unmistakable smoky, flinty aroma—indeed, fumé means “smoked” in French. Long before “silex” was made into a brand name, it was simply the term used to describe the type of soil found in the best vineyards in the Loire. Francis Blanchet has been bottling wine from 100% silex vineyards, as well as separating out other terroirs to bottle as single-soil wines, since the early 1990s. His efforts show just how special this area is for great Sauvignon Blanc wines.

**WINERY:** Domaine Francis Blanchet

**WINEMAKER:** Francis Blanchet

**ESTABLISHED:** 1900s

**REGION:** FRANCE • Loire Valley • Pouilly-sur-Loire

**APPELLATION:** Pouilly-Fumé AOC

**BLEND:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

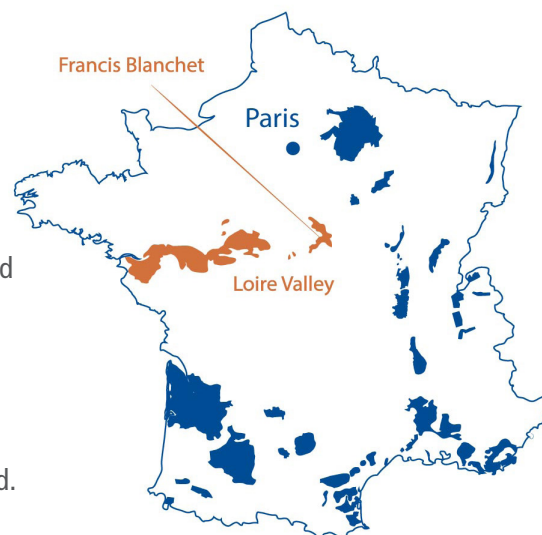
**VINEYARDS:** A selection of fruit from estate vineyards with soils dominated by Kimmeridgian (chalky) marl, facing south and west.

**AGE OF VINES:** 25 years, on average

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Pressed full cluster; fermented and aged on fine lees in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of sea salt, crushed sea shells, citrus rind. Sea-air mineral, incredibly fresh; bright, crisp white fruits and citrus

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** As an aperitif; with fresh shellfish (oysters on the half shell) or roasted chicken with fresh herbs



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