

DOMAINE ERIC FOREST Pouilly-Fuissé 'L'ÂME Forest'

Eric Forest is one of the top names in Vergisson. Heir to eight generations of grower talent and trained by local legend Jean-Marie Guffens, Eric crafts rich, expressive wines that are shining examples of the potential of white Burgundy from the Mâconnais. Eric established his own domaine in 2000, and now manages some 20 acres of vineyards in and around Vergisson, the centerpoint for quality in the Mâconnais. Vines are cared for sustainably, and much of Eric's natural philosophy was inspired by his grandfather, an early adopter of biodynamics in the region.

WINERY: Domaine Eric Forest

WINEMAKER: Eric Forest

ESTABLISHED: 2000

REGION: FRANCE • Burgundy • Mâconnais • Vergisson

APPELLATION: Pouilly-Fuissé AOC

BLEND: 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS: The *âme* or "soul" of this wine is a blend of fruit from four plots facing either east or north, and thus some of the coolest in Vergisson: 'La Cote,' 'Tilliers,' 'Le Bois Rosier' and 'Carmentrants.' Soils mix limestone and clay, with marl.

AGE OF VINES: 30 to 40 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Pressed full cluster; fermented in French oak barrels on indigenous yeasts. Aged in barrel on fine lees for 10 to 15 months. Bottled via gravity and unfiltered, with minimal added sulfites.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of yellow stone fruit, citrus zest, crushed stones. Lively and precise, with good tension and a long finish

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Rich white fish (swordfish or otherwise); roasted chicken with herbs; fresh French goat cheese



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