

## **DOMAINE ERIC FOREST**Pouilly-Fuissé 'Haut de la Roche'

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:** Vines in 'La Roche' sit above 1,050 feet, facing southeast. Soils are thin, chalk-rich, white limestone. While most of the vineyard was raised to premier cru status as of the 2020 vintage, some five hectares were excluded as authorities deemed the portion too high in elevation. Winemaker Eric Forest's vines are located in this "haut" (high) part of the vineyard.

**AGE OF VINES:** 45 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. Wines moved via gravity; bottled unfiltered, with minimal added sulfites.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of sauteed citrus, orange stone fruit, peppery notes. Full-bodied, supple, very expressive

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Rich fish with beurre blanc sauce; roast chicken with herbs; aged French cheeses

