

Vins Gigou 2017 Pineau d'Aunis(Coteaux du Loir)

WineWise Code	FGI-PDA17
Country	France
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	12.5
Residual Sugar	1
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	400
Varieties	100% Pineau d'Aunis
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Aging Method	Stainless Steel 100%
Aging Duration (months)	43591
Filtered	Yes
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes
Soil Type	Calcareous
Elevation (meters)	50
Vineyard Aspect	South
Vine Age (years)	43768
Vine Yields (hl/ha)	45
Farming Practices	Certified Organic
Grape Picking	Hand-Harvested

About the Domaine:

Joel Gigou continues to be the iconic producer of Jasnières. This miniscule appellation is 25 miles north of Tours in the Coteaux du Loir (itself an appellation barely larger, where Gigou also has holdings). The whites are a product of that magical Loire symbiosis between Chenin Blanc and tufa. Arguably, the expression here is the most singular and extreme in all the Loire region. Gigou is a conscious archaist. One look at the ancient photograph on his labels of peasants tilling the vineyards will confirm that. But the wines will hold their own against all that modern wine-wizardry can throw forth. They have that thrilling fusion of fruit and mineral which only the greatest Rieslings, white burgundies and Savennières can offer, surmounted by an ethereal floral perfume that brings tears to the eye. Son Ludovic has been groomed to take over the estate, and he has proved to be as attuned as his father to the qualities that are Jasnières' hallmark. When tasted amongst other wines of the appellation, they were as palpably dominant as any producer we have ever encountered in a comparative tasting. A big hit with David Schildknecht. We have now bitten the bullet and brought in our first reds and sparkling wine. The wines are organic, the yeasts are native.



WineWise notes about the wine:

Ludovic is especially happy with this classic vintage, preferring it to its predecessor. This normally pallid grape has a distinctively briary, almost foxy tone that not everyone warms to – in some ways it is like Zinfandel's spindly but clever foreign cousin. But Ludovic has made something singular from it here – slender but innerly sweet, with an insinuating earthy flavour. This really is something completely different.

