AP WINE IMPORTS

ERIC FOREST

Petite Arvine Fully-Les Raffos

The Estate: The Forest family has cultivated wine in the Maconnais for 8 generations. Eric took over in 1999 and expanded the domaine to 8.9 hectares. The domaine uses organic and biodynamic methods, with manual harvest, gentle pressing, and hand bottling by gravity, often unfiltered.

Location: Fully, Valais, Switzerland. A collaboration with Pierre-Antoine Crettemand.

Varietals: 100% Petite Arvine

Vinification: Eric selects the optimal harvest date. Fractional pressings of extreme precision retain only the press media, the purest juices, vinified without débourbage.

Aging: A year in barrels from his Pouilly-Fuissé Les Crays, already inoculated with Vergisson's indigenous yeasts, in a cave dug into the rock below the Chateau de Fully; then 6 more months on fine lees in stainless steel. Bottled by gravity without filtration or fining.

Alcohol: 13.5%

Tasting Notes: Airy on the nose, with wildflowers and wild mountain herbs; with air, grape jelly, poached peach or pear, baked apple and spices such as cumin, candied ginger, nutmeg and incense. Generous, textured and perfectly defined on the palate, with pineapple, caramelized pear and marmalade. A full, expressive finish with fine bitterness and good length.

