

## Gris Océan

Fabien Castaing



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>South-West</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>IGP Atlantique</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	80% Merlot 10% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Cabernet Franc
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	12.50 %
<b>TERROIR</b>	Clay & limestone south / south-west
<b>INFO</b>	55 Ha (136 Acres) total vineyard, 4.5 Ha (11 Acres) devoted to "Gris Océan" IGP  Night harvesting September 5th - 8th  Pneumatic pressing, 72 hours low temperature stabulation & vinification in thermo-controlled stainless steel tanks.  <b>Sustainable Agriculture Practices - HVE</b> <b>3</b> farm certified having high environmental value.

### About the Estate:

"It all begins with a passion transmitted since 1898, which combines Terroir, grape varieties and winemaker." Following in the footsteps of Pierre, Gabriel, Jacky and Patrick, **Fabien CASTAING** is the 5th generation to perpetuate wine family tradition.

Vignobles Fabien Castaing represents a 55 Ha (136 acres) total vineyard - on the communes of Pomport, Cuneges & Sigoules - within 14 different plots, benefiting from a great diversity of terroirs, exposures and altitudes. Nearly 50 acres of the vineyard are located within the famous Monbazillac Appellation.

In addition to the great packaging - needless to say - this wine is a pure tonic, fresh and aromatic "treat" to drink! Starting with fresh raspberries and strawberry notes from the Merlot. Fresh fruits, anise notes and light peppery notes from the Cabernet Franc. All this with crunchiness and bright length and a touch of fresh plum on the finish, just a sip of South-West France!

Persistent and juicy length, mineral, Ocean... Gris Ocean unique and attractive wine & bottle!

"A refreshing & crisp Rose with balance" *H. Sisson - A. Spoler Cellar Notes - WYPR Radio*

### Tasting Notes:

ZESTY - FRESH & TANGY FRUIT - AROMATIC

Exciting, tonic & crisp dry Rose. Aromatic with fresh strawberries, bright raspberries, anise & soft florals, then tangy & vibrant on the 1st sip, with perfect acidity. Flavors of red fruits & plum, finishing with a mineral length, enhanced by light salty & "ocean breeze" notes.

### Food Pairing:

To be served chilled as an aperitif, with tapas, salads, meats, fish and shellfish.

### Press Review: Soon to come

2022 Vint: "A fresh, crisp wine, floral and perfumed. The wine has a fine tang that gives it a texture." Roger Voss - *Wine Enthusiast* (October 2023)

2021 Vint. "A blend of Merlot with the two cabernets, this crisp and brightly fruity wine comes from the 5th generation Castaing family estate. With light red fruits, the wine is ready to enjoy." Roger Voss - *Wine Enthusiast*