

Didier Dagueneau

Saint Andelain



The Wines

- *Pur Sang* ["pur sang" means "thoroughbred"]: This is a truly "outsized" Sauvignon from an assemblage of different parcels of 30 year-old vines, entirely from the *argile à silex* soil of the butte. It is vinified and aged in new oak "cigar-shaped" barrels built to Dagueneau's specifications. The age of the vines makes the difference in quality and size and shows what a difference deep roots can make if the yields are kept low. The horse on the front label is a picture from a prehistoric cave painting in the "Painted Gallery" in France.
- *Silex*: An assemblage of different parcels of 50 year-old vines, entirely from the butte and only from those parcels with high levels of silex. It is vinified and aged in new oak "cigar-shaped" barrels built to Dagueneau's specifications. This rich and powerful wine, with great age-worthiness, is one of Dagueneau's top cuvées.
- *Blanc Fumé de Pouilly* : A blend from several vineyards of younger vines, this wine is barrel-fermented and aged half in stainless steel and half in large, neutral barrels. It includes some fruit from Pur Sang, Buisson Renard and Silex cuvées.
- *Buisson Renard*: From one parcel located mid-slope on the southwest side of Saint Andelain with vines that Benjamin Dagueneau considers to be his very best. The soil is silex (clay and flint). The vineyard is Buisson Menard, but Didier renamed the wine after a famous French journalist misprinted it; Dagueneau liked the new name "Fox Bush". This is a flinty, mineral-rich Pouilly.
- *Sancerre Le Mont Damné*: In the late 1990s, Didier bought a small 1/2 hectare parcel across the river from Pouilly in the heart of one of the most prestigious vineyards in the upper Loire Valley in Chavignol on the Mont Damné. The vineyard is steep and full of clay and limestone. Didier fought with both the local and AOC authorities, who finally granted him the right to plant a small portion of the vineyard each year. The vines are young, but the great vineyard site bestows structure, incredible length, and creamy texture.

Please note that we represent Dagueneau only in a limited number of states.