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Legendary Didier Dagueneau New Releases Have Arrived

"The 2009 collection promises to be the best group of Sauvignons rendered in that year."

- David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate

Didier Dagueneau, wild child winemaker, was seeking to make "the best Sauvignon Blanc in the world." He attained a cult status for his many impressive cuvées of Sauvignon Blanc from the Pouilly-sur-Loire region. Tragically, he passed far before his time in an ultralight plane crash in 2008. Born in 1956 in Nièvre, Burgundy, Dagueneau was an ex-motorcycle racer and daredevil who clashed with other winemakers subscribing to more rigid French enological techniques and ideas about regional typicity. His vineyard practices were a combination of the exacting (extremely low yields, hand harvesting in multiple passes) and the unusual, such as using horses to plow the soil between vines. He was described as a risk taker and an experimenter, with perfectionist attitudes to his work, cutting yields severely to achieve greater ripeness. Didier's son, Louis-Benjamin, worked several years with his father, and the transition to his winemaking has been seamless. The ripe 2009s are incredibly textured and vibrant, but our allocation was small so we encourage you to call or click now to secure your bottles as they are guaranteed not to last.



2009 Dagueneau Blanc Fumé de Pouilly \$64.95

91-92+ points David Schildknecht (Wine Advocate): "Smoky red currant, lime, and nettle display an aromatic pungency that coincides with a bright, energetic, silken-textured, very pure palate impression. White peach and wafting florality are conveyed by the (in this vintage, one-third) Marne chalk portion. The suffusion of chalk here is as usual impressive without in any way blocking the mouth-watering flow of fruit, and the same can be said as far as the influence of wood is concerned. This finishes with vibratory intensity and ringing clarity... Expect it to be worth following for at least 6-8 years."

2009 Dagueneau Pouilly-Fumé Pur Sang \$79.95

92-93+ points David Schildknecht (Wine Advocate): "Based primarily on fruit from a relatively clay-rich site in Saint Laurent, the Dagueneau 2009 Blanc Fumé de Pouilly Pur Sang smells deliciously of elder flower white peach, and cassis. Vividly peachy and with rock-licking minerality, in the mouth this could be mistaken for a great Riesling. Nettle and grapefruit lend brightness in a long, luscious, vibrant finish that also incorporates rich, saline oyster liqueur and oyster meat-like elements. This is going to be both accessible and at the same time worthy of careful attention to its nuances over the coming decade or so."

2009 Dagueneau Pouilly-Fumé Silex \$109.95

93-94+ points David Schildknecht (Wine Advocate): "From an enclave just outside the cuverie in Saint Andelain, the Dagueneau 2009 Blanc Fumé de Pouilly Silex delivers an almost inordinate diversity of floral, herbal, citrus (predominately grapefruit), and pit-fruit (predominately nectarine) elements, with the bitterness of fruit pits, smoky pungency of red currant and crushed stone, as well as notes of shrimp shell reduction and iodine inflecting a long, bittersweet, yet at the same time vibrant, buoyant finish. This silken textured seducer should gain with time in bottle and be worth following for ten or a dozen years."

Cheers,

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