

ROCHE GUILHEM 2021

AOP Jurançon Sec

~ Background ~

Jurançon is an appellation in southwest France, near the town of Pau, making both sweet and dry white wines (Jurançon and Jurançon Sec, respectively). The wines have been celebrated since the middle ages, and it is claimed that Jurançon wine appellation was in force as long ago as the late 14th Century, with the best vineyard areas identified and valued by the princes of Béarn and the parliament of Navarre for taxation purposes. This would make it the world's very first appellation, although similar claims have been made on behalf of Tokaj in Hungary and Portugal's Douro Valley. The appellation was certainly one of the first to be included when France formalized its Appellation Contrôlée system in 1936. It currently consists of 1000 hectares (2470 acres) of vines in 40 square kilometers and 25 communes in the Pyrénées-Atlantiques department. The soils here are largely alluvial (clay and sand), but drier, clay-free limestone can also be found at higher elevations. Some vineyards (generally those situated lower down towards the rivers) contain a noticeable quantity of sedimentary rocks known locally as *poudingues*. These are named after the old English steamed fruit "pudding", which they resemble in shape and weight. **Cave de Gan** was founded in 1949 at the foot of the Pyrenees, the winery known as La Cave de Gan-Jurancon has become, over time, a distinguished landmark in Béarn. Close to Pau, Lourdes and Biarritz, we invite you to discover the history and traditions of the vineyards in the Pyrenean foothills.



~ Winemaking & Viticulture ~

- 100% Gros Manseng
- Manual harvest
- The grapes grown in early ripening soils and are chosen for their flavorsome maturity during the first selection.
- Gentle pressed, settled and fermented at controlled temperature, the wine is then matured on fine lees.
- As in Champagne, a blending of wines produced on different soils gives a very balanced wine of consistently high quality.

~ Tasting Notes ~

Pale, brilliant with silver notes. Fresh and intense with distinguished citrus aromas and minerality. Very well structured. Elegant vivacity and acidity sublimized by a long and fruity finish.

