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**Gilles Morat (Domaine Chataigneraie-Laborier), Pouilly-Fuissé**

Gilles Morat is based in Vergisson and its 5.6 hectares of vineyard are split over 17 parcels between Pouilly-Fuisse and Saint Veran. Gilles took the reins of his family's holdings in 1997 and has since expanded the holdings.

**Pouilly-Fuissé "Belemnites" 2012. 90 Pts.**

The 2012 Pouilly-Fuisse Belemnites (which is named after a fossil) also comes from 40-year-old vines and sees 10 months aging in oak barrels. It has a pleasant lifted pear and honeysuckle-scented bouquet with fine delineation. The palate is well-balanced with orange zest and quince on the entry. The acidity is well-judged and the finish is taut and effervescent. This is a pretty, well-crafted Pouilly-Fuisse aimed straight for the taste buds.

**Pouilly-Fuissé "Sur la Roche" 2011. 88 pts.**

The 2011 Pouilly-Fuisse Sur La Roche comes from the limestone-rich climat and is aged in oak barrels over 11 months. It has a potent, nutty, smoky bouquet that unfolds nicely in the glass. The palate is fresh and citric with a twist of sour lemon on the finish. It is a little sharp, but contains commendable freshness and race.

**Pouilly-Fuissé "Terroir de Vergisson". 85 Pts.**

The 2011 Pouilly-Fuisse Terroir de Vergisson comes from a selection of parcels with an average vine age of 40 years, with 40% matured in oak barrels and the remainder in stainless steel over 8 months. It has a pleasant, well-defined bouquet with light touches of greengage and undergrowth. The palate is crisp on the entry but thereafter it fades a little and becomes rather herbaceous on the short finish.