

# Champagne Bollinger Grand Annee 2014



## Region

Champagne is north-east France and widely recognised for its prestigious sparkling wine made by traditional method. The vineyards of Champagne are planted in three distinct areas south of the city of Reims. The `Montagne de Reims` is predominately Pinot Noir, the backbone to the Champagne blend, whilst in the south `Cote des Blancs` has chalky slopes best suited to Chardonnay, and Pinot Meunier dominates the `Vallee de la Marne`. The secret of Champagne is in the blend, with choice of variety and vineyards to achieve the `house style`. Champagne produces a range of styles depending on varieties used and ageing which determine the character of the wine.

## Producer

The house of Bollinger was established in 1829, and is situated in the Grand Cru village of Ay, at the foot of the Montagne de Reims. The house own extensive vineyards in the Grand and Premier cru villages, which provide 70% of the house requirements. Bollinger is famed for producing classic Pinot dominated blends, which allow the wines to age gracefully.

## Tasting Notes

This is a powerful Pinot Noir dominated Cuvée from one of the Champagne region's finest Houses, with a minimum of 5 years bottle age. It is blended with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Grand and Premier cru vineyards, which are then fermented in oak cask (unusual for Champagne). Full flavoured, biscuity and very well balanced with an elegant and refined finish and superb length on the palate.

## Food

A perfect partner to delicate seafood dishes, Caviar and Oysters. Ideal with white meats with creamy sauces. A great aperitif or a treat on its own at the end of a meal!

## Technical Information

<b>Country</b>	France
<b>Region</b>	Champagne
<b>Grape(s)</b>	Pinot Noir (65%) Chardonnay (35%)
<b>Type</b>	Sparkling
<b>Style</b>	Fizz
<b>Oaked Style</b>	Lightly oaked
<b>Body Style</b>	Full bodied
<b>Sustainable</b>	No

<b>Dry/Sweet Style</b>	Dry	
<b>Alcohol Content</b>	12%	
<b>Closure Style</b>	Cork	
<b>Organic/Biodynamic</b>	No	
<b>Allergens</b>	<b>Milk:</b>	No
	<b>Egg:</b>	No
<b>Vegetarian/Vegan</b>	<b>Vegetarian:</b>	No
	<b>Vegan:</b>	No



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