

Champagne AR Lenoble Grand Cru Vintage `Blanc de Blancs` 2012



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

Armand-Raphael called the house Lenoble because "Champagne is the noblest of all wines, Champagne Lenoble, the noble Champagne." AR Lenoble has earned the respect of many in the wine world under the continued stewardship of sister-and-brother team Anne and Antoine Malassagne who run 18 hectares throughout Champagne. Focussing on sustainability, the vineyards of AR Lenoble have been certified HVE (Haute Valeur Environnementale), one of the first Champagne Houses to be do. Beehives were introduced into the vineyards of the domaine a decade ago, a testament to their commitment to biodiversity.

Tasting Notes

Produced entirely from their Grand Cru Chardonnay vineyard in the village of Chouilly, in the Côte des Blancs. Only made in exceptional years, this Champagne has loads of aroma, a touch of ripe honey and brioche in the fruity flavour. Beautifully structured with an elegant and long finish.

Food

This full champagne with rich, mature aromas should be tasted as an aperitif or with fish cooked in creamy sauces

Technical Information

Country	France
Region	Champagne
Grape(s)	Chardonnay (100%)
Type	Sparkling
Style	Fizz
Oaked Style	Lightly oaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Bone dry	
Alcohol Content	12.5%	
Closure Style	Cork	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	Milk:	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian:	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes



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