

CHAMPAGNE COLLET

ESPRIT COUTURE NV



WINEMAKER: Sebastien Walasiak
REGION: Aÿ, France
VARIETALS: Pinot Noir (50%), Chardonnay (40%), Pinot Meunier (10%)
MATURATION: A minimum of eight years in 100-year-old chalk cellars
DOSAGE: 7.5 g/L

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING: Champagne Collet's vineyard sources are in Premier and Grand Cru villages that reflect the diversity of Champagne's terroirs. The fruit comes from 850 growers spread over 160 different crus (there are a total of 320 crus in Champagne). However, winemaker Sebastien Walasiak uses no more than 10% of the overall vineyard yields. Sebastien blends the base wines of the classic Champagne varieties from hundreds of individual vineyards and several vintages - vital, because blending is the ultimate art of Champagne and is the key to maintaining Champagne Collet's incomparable house style. The wines are aged far beyond the minimum requirement in the winery's 100-year-old chalk cellars resulting in softer wines needing less dosage.

TASTING NOTES: Chardonnay creates elegance and finesse, Pinot Noir adds depth and structure, and Pinot Meunier imparts freshness and rich fruit driven flavors. Sourced from ten Premier Cru and Grand Cru villages and aged for a minimum of eight years. This wine has floral aromas with subtle vanilla notes adjoined by a fruit-driven palate with notes of stone fruits and citrus. It has a refined, elegant texture with a prolonged finish of rare intensity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts Wine Enthusiast, 90 pts Wine and Spirits/Year's Best Champagnes

ABOUT CHAMPAGNE COLLET: The boutique house of Champagne Collet is located in the heart of Aÿ, one of Champagne's 17 Grand Cru villages and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Since 1921, Champagne Collet has produced elegant and regionally distinctive cuvées from Grand Cru and Premier Cru vineyards. Their wines are centered on gastronomy and capture the artistic and joyful spirit of the Art Deco period.

